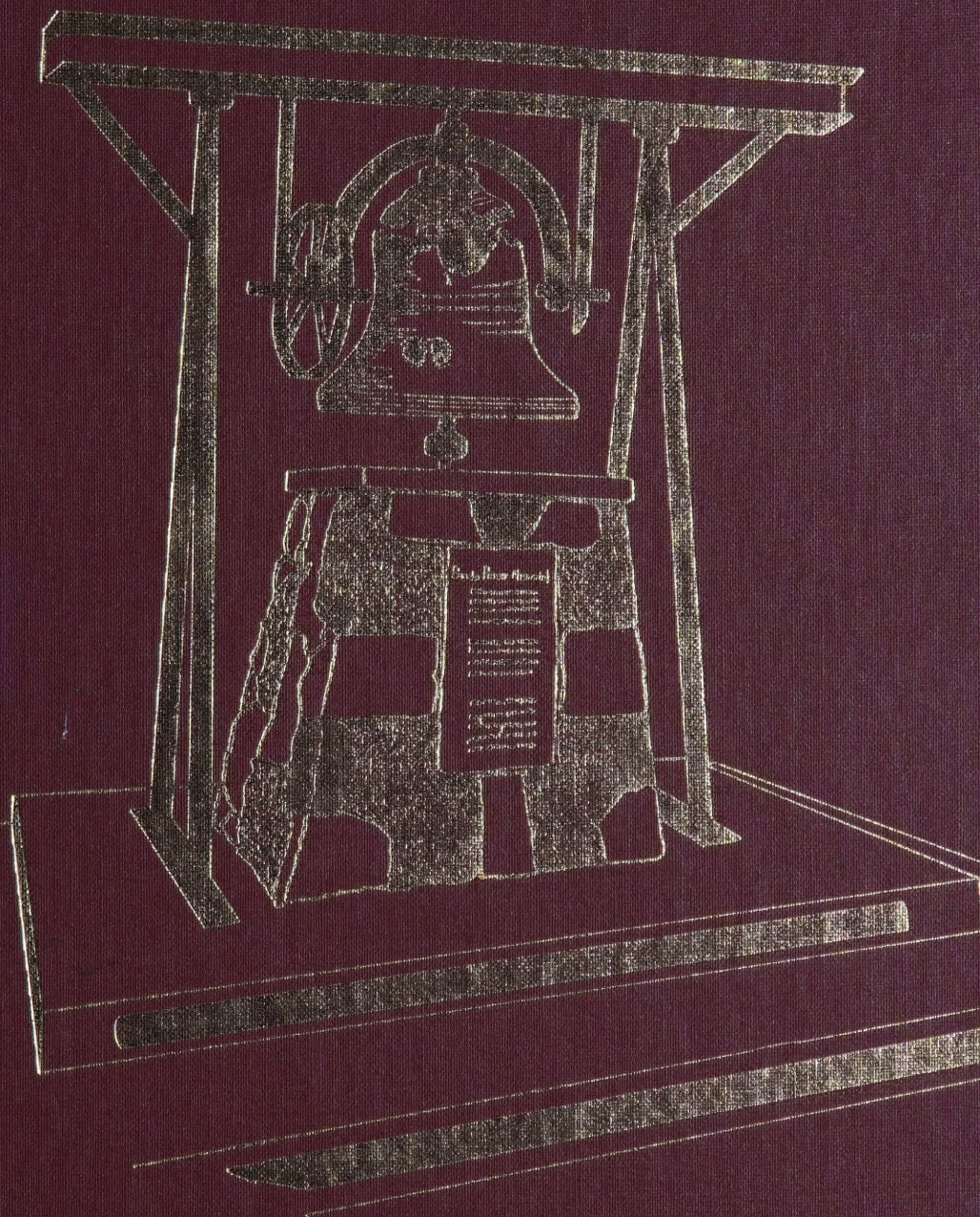




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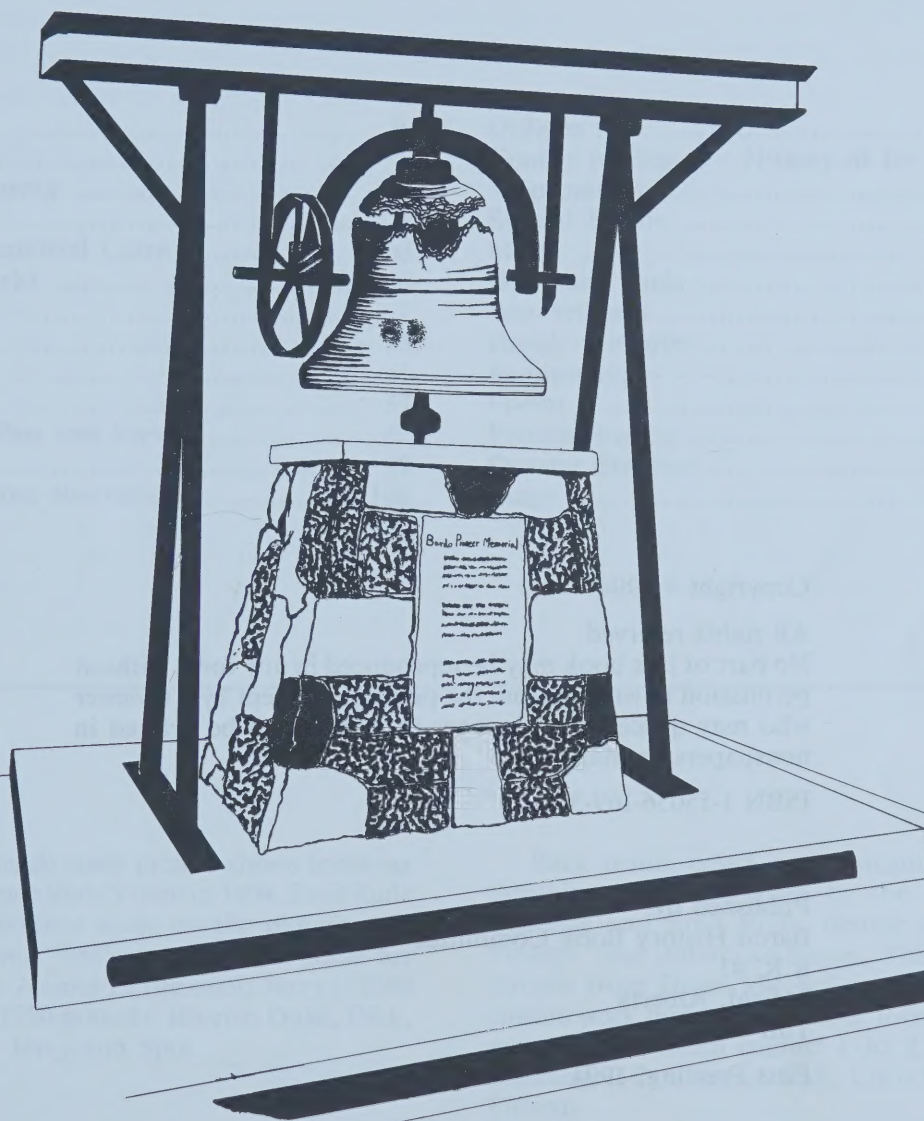


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The front inside cover picture shows breaking land with Clarence Rude's oxen in 1909. Emil Rude driving and Clarence Rude on the plough. Ole Bartness used his "hat" as a distance guide for taking pictures. Names of the oxen: Jerry – 2260 pounds; Bill – 1750 pounds; Blueish Duke, Dick, Charlie, Black Jerry and Spot.

Back inside cover is the steam engine and threshing machine owned by the "Big Five": Clarence and Emil Rude, Bennie and Monrad Finseth, and Albin Anderson. This outfit was bought from Hugh Mitchell in 1921. They did custom work throughout Bardo, Tofield and Ryley area. On the steam engine: L-R: ?, Emil Rude. Standing, L-R: Clarence Rude, Chris Rude, Bennie Finseth.

Foreword

The purpose of this Centennial history is to follow the settlers forward throughout the 100 years.

When the first settlers arrived, in what is now known as Bardo, we do not know what future they envisaged for this Community.

We, the descendants, are very thankful to the pioneers for settling an area of the world that has become one of the best places in which to live.

We are very grateful to Magda Hendrickson and Ragna Steen for compiling the history of Bardo for the first 50 years of the settlement as recorded in the book, "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta". We hope we can do as well in recording the second half-century of growth.

Bardo is a rural community situated in the fertile valley on the east side of the Beaverhills. Flowing through the valley, the Amisk Creek winds its way to Beaverhill Lake.

Early in 1991, in order to receive some financial assistance, the Bardo Recreation Association New Horizons Book Project was organized. Ten Directors were elected with Iris Francis as president. This group we must congratulate for a job well done.

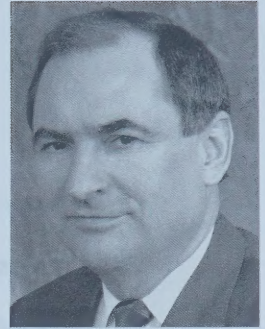
As the task of compiling these historical and family histories was started, it was felt it was time these latter events of local history be recorded. When events are past, they are soon forgotten. As memory fades and people pass away, it is hard to get into print, facts which will be accurate and interesting for the future generations.

We want this to be a memorial to our ancestors as a "Thank You" for leaving to us a community rich in material and spiritual inheritance. It is our prayer that we will pass on to our descendants as rich a legacy as we have inherited.

Deputy Prime Minister



Vice-premier ministre



It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest congratulations to all those associated with this publication of the history of the Bardo community.

For many it will recall fond memories of the growth of this community since its founding and I pay tribute to you on your dedicated efforts and contributions to this most important achievement.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have represented the citizens of the Bardo community as their Member of Parliament for over twenty years. I am proud to have been a part of its history and wish you every success in this and all future endeavours.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Don Mazankowski", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Don Mazankowski

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0A3

August 6, 1993

MLA's Message:

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, our Premier Ralph Klein, and the constituents of Vegreville-Viking Constituency, I wish to congratulate the Bardo History Book Committee on your important project commemorating the 100th Anniversary of your community.

The early settlers faced many challenges when they first arrived. The first settlers cleared enough land to provide food and shelter for their families. Their next challenge was to build the community - roads, schools, churches and the hospital. This was done with great sacrifice to family life and many times to their own health but they all desired a better standard of living for their children. Faith in God and in each other provided the strength to overcome obstacles and challenges many others could not.

Your history book will be a valuable resource for future generations to read and experience the huge efforts and commitment of the early settlers. It will also be a inspiration to instill in our future generations the values of risk taking, courage, commitment, responsibility, faith, and neighbour helping neighbour.

Once again I congratulate each and every member of the committee on your efforts and wish you every success.

Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary.



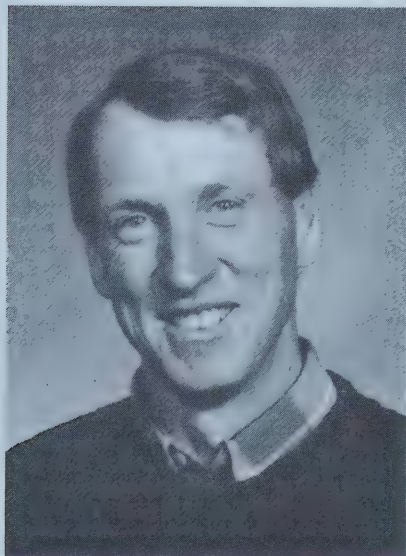
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Ed Stelmach
MLA Vegreville-Viking

On behalf of the County of Beaver, I would like to thank the people of the Bardo History Book Committee for their efforts in putting together this book.

We are fortunate in this part of the world because our history is young enough that the day to day happenings of the people that settled and built our communities can still be accurately portrayed. Our children and grandchildren will not have the benefit we had of actually being able to talk to the original settlers of our communities and listen to their stories. It is important that these memories are put into print so that they are available for generations to come.

Books such as this will serve as a valuable link between us, our past and future generations. Having our history in writing means that it will not be lost. Thank you for keeping the history of the Bardo community alive.



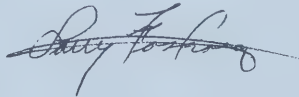
*Bill Sears
Councilor, Div 6
County of Beaver*

As president of the Bardo Recreation Association I welcome this opportunity to bring greetings as well as express my appreciation to and extend congratulations to the history book committee for undertaking the time consuming and difficult task of compiling this history of the Bardo district. I commend all those who have contributed so generously to the compiling of this material and for the excellent work they have done.

We live in a world that is fast changing and it is only through such recorded history that we can keep fond memories alive. A hearty thanks to all who contributed to making this book possible. I hope it will give each reader many memorable hours to travel back in time.

I would also like to pay tribute to Leonard Stauffer who served for many years as president of the Bardo Recreation Association. Though he did not see the completion of this book, he worked hard and with much enthusiasm to promote the making of it and to promote the celebration of 100 years since the first arrival of settlers to the Bardo district.

Larry Foshaug

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry Foshaug", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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– Edna Steen – Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta – written by Ragna Steen and Magda Hendrickson

– Kingman Silver Club – Harvest of Memories

– Mrs. Emma Bowthorpe – History Book Committee Round Hill and District – Salute the Pioneers

– Ryley Ladies' Auxiliary – Beaver Tales – History of Ryley and District

– Tofield Historical Society – Tales of Tofield

A Disclaimer

The Bardo History Book Committee takes no responsibility for the content of the family histories received.

We apologize for any errors or omissions you might find in this book. We have done our best and trust our readers will overlook where we have fallen short.

Dedication

- To: – the pioneers and early settlers of Bardo who courageously laid the foundation of our community.
- the descendants of the pioneers and early settlers who have continued to build on those foundations.
 - the past and present residents, regardless of nationality or religious affiliations.
 - the youth who are the future of our community and our country.
 - To all of the above, we lovingly dedicate this book.

Special Tribute

by the rest of the Bardo History Book Committee

On behalf of the Committee, we wish to express our sincere appreciation of the efforts of Iris Francis in the compilation of this Book. The time and effort spent in contacting the various people in order to get them to prepare family histories, feature stories and the vast number of other items that were needed is almost unbelievable.

Glenn, we thank you for your patience and your willingness to have shared Iris' time and dedication in order that this Book project could be completed.



Iris and Glenn Francis.

The Bardo Memorial Cairn

by Gladys Severson

For a number of years there had been thoughts and dreams that a cairn should be erected to commemorate the History of the Bardo Community. A Grandson of the Reverend Bersvend Anderson, Leif Nash, who lived in the United States, sent a gift of money, requesting that it be used for some type of memorial for his Grandfather. From then on, the plans began to take shape.

At the annual meeting of the Bardo Recreation Association in 1988 a Cairn Committee was elected composed of Lars Rude, who was the head of the committee, together with Larry Foshaug, Phillip Anderson, Iris Francis, and Gladys Severson.

The Bardo Congregation had already made a decision that the old church bell should be incorporated with the Cairn. The stones used in the building of the Cairn were picked locally. The money needed, over and above the original gift, was supplied by the Bardo Recreation Association to make up the total cost of the project. The site chosen for the Cairn was along the Secondary Highway 834, so it would be accessible for the public to see and read and also be in proximity to the original church site.

The church bell had been purchased by a gift of money from the estate of John B. Anderson. This bell had been mounted around 1930 and hung in the steeple of the church which had been built in 1922. For the hanging of the bell, there was a network of planks erected from the ground to the steeple. By means of a pulley and a rope that was attached to the bell, it was slid up to its location in the steeple by man power pulling on the rope. Children and adults together raised the bell to its location in the steeple. Arnold Steen was in charge of engineering the project.

The bell was always rung to call the people to worship. A very special memory of hearing the bell ring was on Christmas Eve. Asbjorn Moen was the



Raising of the Bardo Church bell. Center: Mr. Arnold Steen was in charge. Left: Alice, Gladys and Sylvia Ness. Right: Esther, Muriel and M.B. Ness.



Raising the bell, approximately 1932.

first bell-ringer on Christmas Eve. His son, Iver Moen, continued the tradition. At six o'clock on December 24th, the neighborhood would go outside and wait for the bell to usher in Christmas Eve. The gong reached far as it peeled through the crisp, cold air. The crack in the bell is the result of the heat of the fire from the lightning which caused the church to burn, and the bell to crash to the ground in 1965. We are grateful to Lars Rude who had the vision of the best way to incorporate the bell into the Cairn and engineered the project to its completion. The rock facing was done by Mr. Stan Porayko from Vegreville, Alberta, and the bronze plaque was purchased through the Tofield Funeral Home.



Bardo Memorial Cairn, 1989.

A large crowd gathered at the site of the Cairn on Sunday afternoon of July 2, 1989 for a special unveiling service. Four grandsons of the original pioneers, LeRoy Finseth, Jack Lerbekmo, Milton Jevning, and Clifford Anderson, took part in the unveiling of the Cairn. The only charter member of the Bardo Congregation who was present was Dan Simonson. He was one week short of being 95 years old that day.



Veiled Cairn – July 2, 1989. Four grandsons: Milton Jevning, Clifford Anderson, Jack Lerbekmo, LeRoy Finseth.

The Cairn was erected as a memorial to the Bardo Congregation and its Pastor, Reverend Bersvend Anderson, to the first pioneers and to all the settlers who followed, and also to the Anderson (Bardo) School. On the bronze plaque on the Cairn are written the following words:

Bardo Pioneer Memorial

To the founding members of the (Norden) Bardo Lutheran Congregation established in 1895.
First Pastor – Bersvend Anderson. Church located in Tofield since 1967.

To the first settlers of Bardo:

Martin Finseth	John Lerbekmo
Nels Jevning	Peter Anderson

Who Arrived in 1894

And to all pioneer families who followed.

To the Anderson S.D. No. 434 organized 1897

Trustees: N. Jevning

M. Finseth

J. Johnson

First school built – 1898

Teacher – Mr. Erwine

Two Room school built – 1910

Third school built – 1948



Bardo Pioneer Memorial Cairn, 1989.

This Cairn stands as a memorial to the Pioneers who faced hardships with great courage and faith in a strong God. They laid a solid foundation for this community.

It is hoped that it will be a reminder to all who are reaping the results of their endeavors, to be grateful for the valuable heritage received from the pioneers and that we, in turn will attempt to pass on the same high ideals to our descendants.

Editor's Remarks

by Iris Francis

A decision was made at the 1991 meeting of the Bardo Recreation Association to publish a Bardo District History Book for the 100th Anniversary of the community, to be held in 1994.



Centennial Committee – Leonard Stauffer, Mary Finseth, Iris Francis.

A 100th Anniversary committee, consisting of: Chairman – Leonard Stauffer (1990-1993), Lars Rude (1993-1994), Secretary – Mary Finseth, and Iris Francis, had been formed earlier so now it became necessary to organize a Book Project Committee in order to apply for the grant given by the New Horizon Seniors Program (Federal Government) Health and Welfare, Canada. This required a Board of Directors and a separate executive committee.

The Board of Directors consisted of ten retired seniors sixty years and older.

Phillip Anderson
Norma Anderson
Mary Finseth
Ivan Foshaug
Leif Foshaug

Iris Francis
Bernice Heiberg
Pauline Rude
Gladys Severson
Evelyne Stauffer



New Horizons Group and Larry Ruptash (from Mr. Mazankowski's office.) Receiving the \$2500.00 grant.



Bardo History Book Committee, 1992. Back Row: Leif Foshaug, Phillip Anderson, Ivan Foshaug, Bernice Heiberg. Front Row: Iris Francis, Gladys Severson, Norma Anderson, Evelyne Stauffer, Pauline Rude, Mary Finseth.

The Executive members were:

President – Iris Francis

Secretary – Mary Finseth

Treasurer – Bernice Heiberg

The annual meeting, together with the 100th Anniversary committee, had decided on an area two miles east and two miles west of the Anderson School corner and four miles north and four miles south of that corner. This gave an area four miles by eight miles. It became the responsibility of the Board of Directors to contact the people who once lived and are presently living in this area. They worked long hours and diligently to accomplish this tremendous task. At one time the Bardo District was much larger than it is today. An interesting and informative time was had by all who put time and effort into contacting nearly 400 families who once lived in Bardo. We apologize if we have missed anyone who should have been included.



New Horizon Grant. Larry Ruptash presenting cheque of \$2740.00 from New Horizon to Bardo Recreation Association for Bardo Centennial Celebration. Sitting: Edna Wideman, Iris Francis, Mary Finseth, Lavanda Wideman. Standing: Olaf Haugen, Charles Rude (President), Joseph Voegtlin (Treasurer), Larry Ruptash, Leif Foshaug, Bill Simonson, LeRoy Finseth.

The following is a list of people whom we know were in Bardo at one time; but we have been unable to locate any descendants to write their history, or from whom we did not receive a reply.

Several came to Bardo in 1896-1897 but settled in surrounding districts: George Bruce – Round Hill District

Tollef Carlson – History unknown

Emil Gjertsen – History unknown

Iver Gronberg – History unknown

Ole A. Bakken came to Bardo from Rock County, Minnesota and filed on Homestead land – NW1/4-24-49-19-W4 on August 26, 1895. He

received clear title on July 16, 1903. While living on this land, Mr. Bakken had a store which he later sold to Ward and Whyte. It is understood that Mr. Bakken remained a bachelor. No relatives have been located for more information.

Martin and Oluf Berg, sons of Ingebrigt and Hannah Foshaug – Martin was born in 1879 in Norway and presumably came to Fisher's Landing, Minnesota with his parents in 1888. Oluf was probably born in the U.S.A. "Berg" was a subdivision of Foshaug and as was often the case, people took the name of the land rather than keeping the family name. Martin and Oluf came to Bardo in 1900 – 1901 for a visit. No further information is available.

Oliver and Helga Berg owned the SW1/4-21-49-18-W4. They came from Saskatchewan originally. They adopted Donald Haakstad whose mother became ill and was unable to care for him.

Olaf Boness, son of Hans Boness Sr. and brother of Jacob Boness, homesteaded NE1/4-18-49-18-W4 where he lived for a time. He later sold his land and moved to Edmonton where he became a lawyer.

Albert Christenson arrived sometime in 1902-1903. His Homestead was SW1/4-32-49-18-W4. He later sold out and moved to Kingman. He is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Gust Carlson arrived in 1901. He homesteaded SE1/4-20-49-18-W4 but later moved to Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Orville Curry and family lived on SE1/4-26-49-18-W4. There were four sons who attended the Anderson School: Howard, Delno, Hugh and Harold. They left the area in 1929.

J. Fossum – Homestead SW1/4-24-49-19-W4 – History unknown.

Johannes Foshaug – Homestead NW1/4-32-49-18-W4 – Brother of Lars Foshaug. He sold his land to Valentine Roth and returned to Norway.

Oliver Fosmoe and family arrived from Minnesota in 1904. They moved to B.C. He later married the widow, Mrs. Dorothea Lerbekmo and they continued to live in B.C.

Pat Gladue owned NE1/4 13-50-19-W4 – History unknown.

The O. Grondahl family arrived in 1900-1901. They settled in the Kingman area.

Ed Haakstad – History unknown.

Simon and Ane Haaksvold arrived in the Bardo district in 1902-1903. They homesteaded SW1/4-2-50-19-W4. No further history is known.

Salgaard Hansen married Esther Wideman and lived in the Bardo area for a time. Further history unknown.

A.E. Hansen was a minister in the Bardo – Armena area in the early 1900's.

He worked together with Reverend B. Anderson. He and his family lived in Bardo for a while. The family arrived in 1896-1897 and Mr. Hansen was inducted into the ministry in 1902. He and his family lived on SE1/4-34-49-19-W4. Mrs Hansen is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Ole Hanson lived on George Hendrickson's place in the early 1930's. Their son, Martinus attended the Anderson School in 1931.

Einar and Olea Haugland came from Minnesota in 1904. They settled in LaGlace, Alberta and eventually returned to Norway. Einar was a brother of Sigurd and Hans Haugland. Hans' wife is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Andrew Jardine – Born 1870, died 1927, 57 years old. Not much is known about Andrew Jardine as to where he came from or as to any family. He was of Swedish descent and worked on the farm for Tom Rorem in the 1920's. Andrew died in 1927 and is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Ole Jenson, brother of Hans and Agnette, came to Bardo in 1900-1901. He lived and died in the Bardo area and is buried in the Bardo Cemetery. No further history is known.

Agnette Jenson and daughter **Jenny** also came in 1900-1901, the same year as her brothers, Ole, Hans and family. Agnette married a Mr. Corneliuson. No further history is known.

Mr. George Kvam (Quam) – 1896-1897 – Homesteaded NW1/4-30-50-18-W4. He remained a bachelor and lived and died in the Bardo District.

Nils Langerud, brother of Carl who was married to the sister of Mr. M.B. Ness, homesteaded NE1/4-32-49-18-W4. He later sold to Valentine Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lastien and family lived on SE1/4-2-50-19-W4.

Roy Lewis, brother of Frank Lewis, lived on the Lars Johnson homestead, SW1/4-12-50-19-W4. No further history is known.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostman (Eastman) and two sons, Willie and Hjalmer arrived in the Bardo area in 1902-1903 from Sweden. They took a homestead farther south and east, SE1/4-16-49-18-W4. This was in the Round Hill area.

Lars Pederson was born in Mesnali, Norway. He arrived in Bardo in 1900-1901. Mr. Pederson purchased Section 15-49-19-W4 from the C.P.R.

and took a homestead, NW1/4-14-49-19-W4 in 1901. He retired in Norway and died there.

Gea Stein – 1900-1901 – History Unknown

Bernhard Strand immigrated to Bardo, Alberta from Norway in 1909. In the spring of 1910 Bernhard, together with Carl Pederson, Pete Stein and Pete Forseth left for the Peace River Country.

Gilbert Vik – Born 1876, died 1939, 63 years old. Mr. Vik was a bachelor. He owned the SE1/4-14-50-19, now the Peter Korobko farm. Being a single man he did not take much part in community affairs. He farmed the place until his death in 1939. He is buried in the Bardo cemetery.

Johan Viken married Magdalene Stromstad in Norway. They arrived in Bardo, Northwest Territories in 1904 and lived on SE1/4-4-50-18-W4. They later moved to Valhalla Centre in the Peace River Country.

Ward and Whyte bought SW1/4-25-49-19-W4. They purchased the store from Ole Bakken and moved it to their quarter of land across the road. They did not continue in the store business for very long and sold the business to Martin Finseth in 1902.

More recent Bardo dwellers are:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dueck purchased the George Cookson land, E1/2-23-50-19-W4 from the Lampitts and sold all but the acreage, where Ernie and Hilda Dueck now live, to Luscar Coal Company.

Reed and Sandra Fisher and family

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gerbrandt and family

Pastor and Mrs. Carl Hanson and family
(Salem Mennonite Church)

Mr. and Mrs. Kozmaniuk and family

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Letkeman and family

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Loken

Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Olsonberg (Marge Simonson)

Mr. and Mrs. Afton Olson

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Penner and family

Mr. Ralph Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Strilchuk

Ken and Connie Thiessen and family

Mrs. Daisy Young and family

Thousands of hours have been spent in the combined efforts of the New Horizon Seniors Board together with community members who have assisted in various ways. We are grateful to those who willingly gave of their time to act as computer typists. It saved the editor and typists many hours of typing and re-typing.

It is our hope that all who read this book will find it interesting and informative.



Seniors working on the Bardo history book at the Community Centre, 1993.



BARDO LUTHERAN CHURCH





Early History

In the Beginning

by Iris Francis

Norway was a land of many mountains and valleys with the sea to the north, west and south. There was little room for opportunity for the young, so when the news came that there was land available across the ocean, men and women of pioneer vision, lured by the call of a brighter future, left comfortable homes to seek new opportunities.



Bardu, Norway – 1963. Memorial was erected in honor of the first Norwegian settlers in the Bardu Valley.

The first settlers who came to the Bardo Community emigrated from northern Norway to an area near Crookston, Minnesota in 1876. It was not long until they realized that land was unavailable for the younger generation.

A Canadian immigration agent had recently opened an office in Crookston and in 1892 glowing accounts were circulated about a wonderful fertile land up in Canada available to those with a

pioneering spirit. The Homesteader regulations in 1872 allowed any man over eighteen years of age, or any widow to purchase a quarter section of land for ten dollars. It was required that the purchaser erect a dwelling on the land purchased and reside there for at least six months of the year for a period of three years. During this three year period they were to break at least fifteen acres of land. This was termed, 'proving up' a homestead. At the end of this three year period, if all the requirements were fulfilled, they were given free title to their land and became naturalized Canadian Citizens.

Being intrigued by the promise of free land, a scouting party left Crookston in 1893 to investigate the possibilities of the Canadian Northwest.

By 1882 the North West had been organized into four districts – Alberta, Saskatchewan, Assiniboia and Athabasca in the North West Territories. The District of Alberta was much smaller than what later became the Province of Alberta in 1905.

After much scouting in Canada, the area to the south of Beaver Hill Lake attracted the scouting party the most. Consequently, in May 1894, the first four pioneers – Martin Finseth, Nels Jevning, Peter B. Anderson and John Lerbekmo arrived by train in Wetaskiwin which was in the district of Alberta, N.W.T. Wetaskiwin, meaning 'Hills of Peace' was the end of the railway for those travelling in an easterly direction, although the railway from Calgary had been built all the way to Edmonton in 1892. Horses and wagons were used for travelling on to their destination. A land guide drove them to Bittern Lake, a distance of twenty five miles to the northeast. Here they hired Mr. Edmund Thompson to take them on their way. Travelling in a northeasterly direction, by team and wagon, brought them to a lonely cabin on a creek bank about six miles from Beaver Hill Lake. Here they stopped for the night. (Quote from Pioneer

Days in Bardo, Alberta – P.23) “This is the place we have been looking for. Here is a wonderful soil for raising crops; in the trees to the west we have trees for building. The prairie openings in the parkland with a luxuriant growth of grass will be fine for stock raising. And now a lake with fish in it! What more can a Norwegian ask for?”

Mr. Thompson returned to guide more land-seekers to the cabin on the banks of Amisk Creek where the first four awaited their arrival. Here they made their headquarters, using the cabin and a large tent, while they looked for homestead land. They made inquiries at a land office which was located at East Beaver Lake.

The area of land chosen by the pioneers was first known as ‘Norden’. Norden (Norwegian) means Northern in English. This English name suited the English speaking nationalities better, so the change was made from Norden to Northern. Because this caused confusion with an area still farther north in the North West Territories, the name was changed to Bardo at the Annual meeting

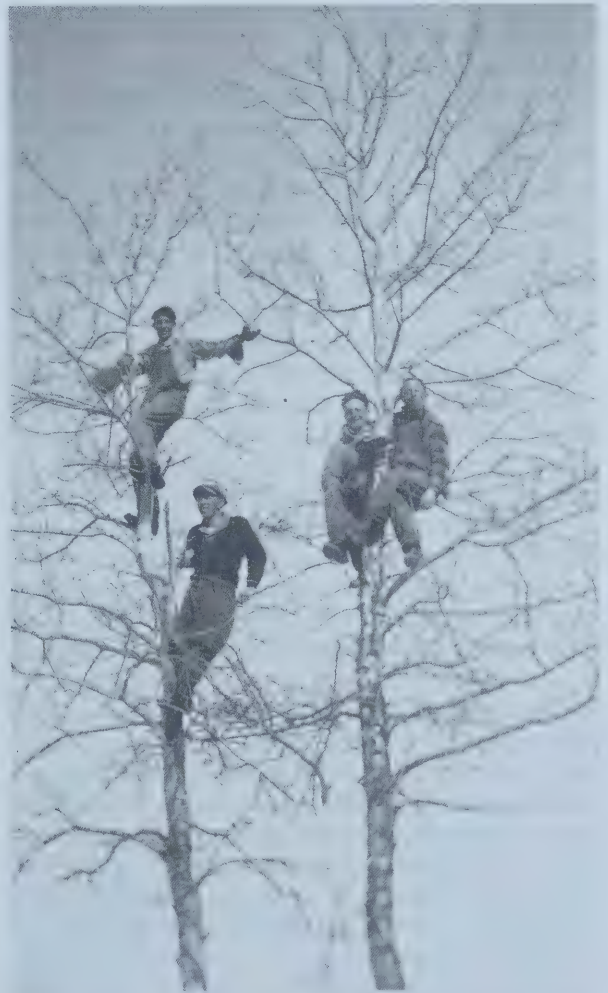
of the Congregation, December 30, 1908. The original pioneers came from Bardu, Norway, and since that was dear to their hearts, they decided to give their community the name of their homeland community.

The summer of 1894 saw an influx of settlers. Travel was difficult as train service and accommodations were poor. Only two freight trains, with passenger coaches attached, travelled each week from Winnipeg to Calgary. These trains were slow and not very comfortable, with the seats in the coaches being made of wooden slats.

Upon reaching Wetaskiwin, there was often no one to meet the weary travellers. It must have been hard for the mothers and their children who expected to see their loved one or at least a known face. However, they were hardy people and learned to make do in this strange land so far away from



Bardu Church in Norway, 1963. Bardu is about 62 miles north of the Arctic Circle and about five miles from the nearest arm of the sea. Karen (Brekkan) Moore and son, David.



Sample of the height of the aspen trees in the 1920's. Bottom left, Reuben Eide.

home. Sometimes a large tent was used to accommodate those who waited for someone to come for them. Sometimes a kindly man would load up their belongings in his wagon and they would set out for their destination. As more settlers came, the Bardo settlement grew to quite a large area.

The land was not as we know it today. This had been a vast virgin land with groves of various types of trees such as poplar, willow, birch and others. There were open stretches of prairie, fertile soil, huge hay meadows, fish in the lakes and streams as well as wild game. Huge herds of buffalo trampled the earth and grass into deep trails, usually on higher ground. These buffalo trails were commonly used by the settlers as they travelled across the country.

Wild flowers, such as crocuses, buttercups, mayflowers, buffalo beans (a pretty yellow flower) and the dandelions (which we still have in abundance and is considered a weed), brown-eyed susan and others were found along creek banks and roadways. With the building of modern roads, the ditches no longer display the beauty of the Canadian wild flowers. Saskatoons, chokecherries and silver willows graced the creek banks and coulees. The famous Alberta wild rose beautified the countryside then as now, although they were more abundant in the early days. The meadows were covered with tiger lilies, bluebells, daisies and wild baby's breath. One becomes nostalgic when thinking back on the beauties of nature which have disappeared with the coming of modern highways. The beautiful fireweed and goldenrod which brightened the fall days are rarely seen in this area any more.

Upon receiving their homesteads the pioneers' first requirement was to provide a shelter for their families. The first homes were one or two room log cabins with a sod roof. Clay or mud was plastered on the outside; some were whitewashed on the inside or papered with newspaper. Furniture was very simple and mostly homemade. A stove, and a bed or bunk beds fastened onto the walls were necessities. Wooden boxes fastened to a wall provided cupboards; a table, benches and a trunk made up the furniture in a pioneer cabin. Home-made furniture was held together with pegs, not nails. Newspapers were often utilized as curtains until cheap material became affordable. The artistic ladies would cut patterns in the paper and fringe the edges.

The next step of importance was to break a small garden plot and a few acres of land. This was hard, back-breaking work for men and boys.



The log house.

They had to pile the brush which had been cut in order to clear the land for breaking. Oxen were used by those fortunate enough to own a team, and horses were used by others. The Pioneer would use his horse or horses and then lend them to his neighbor.

In October of 1894, the settlers were notified that their cattle had arrived in Wetaskiwin. The reason for the delay was that cattle were quarantined at Emerson, Manitoba for three months after crossing the States border. This was to safeguard against communicable diseases. How happy everyone was to have milk again and cream for their coffee. There were no fences to start with so the stock was free to roam. This necessitated 'herding' the cattle which was often done by the little boy in the family, although girls were known to undertake this task if necessary. Cow and horse bells were used to enable the hunter to locate the animals if they had wandered out of sight.

Logging was the main activity for the men the first winter. They would 'camp out' in the Beaver Hills living in a crowded dug-out. They cut logs by hand using axes, then hauled them home with horses. Miquelon Lake Area was another location for logging. This logging activity provided material for buildings as well as wood to burn in their



Hauling logs to be sawed into wood.

stoves. Wood was the only fuel for many years until coal was discovered nearby. The first coal mine in this area was on Peter Ingram's homestead SW 1/4-24-50-19-4 one mile west and three miles north of the Anderson School corner. Discovery of coal made life easier as they could 'bank' their fires at night and it provided a steadier heat. Everyone co-operated and helped each other, exchanging work as the need arose.

The women were kept busy in the home. They were not rich in the worldly sense of riches, but they had spiritual riches, trusting in their God through all the hardships that came their way. They were sympathetic and had a deep concern for the welfare of their family and neighbors in the community. No one was ever turned away hungry even if it was just a piece of bread that they were given. Modern conveniences were unheard of. They did their work by hand and helped their men with haying, hunting or milking. It was the custom for the women in Norway to do the milking so this was a common practice for the women. They were as much at home with a horse and buggy or sleigh as the modern women are with a car or truck today. Walking was often the most common way of travelling, sometimes many miles, to visit a neighbor lady. A five mile walk, carrying small children was common on Sunday if there wasn't a wagon to take the family to a service held in a pioneer home.



Milking cows out on the open range. Chris, Marie and Irene Rude.

Mothers sewed, mended, spun wool, knit, as well as baked bread, made butter and cheese, canned meat or processed it in other ways. They picked berries to preserve and of course looked after the garden produce.

In those earliest years, the nearest doctor was in Wetaskiwin. Those women who had a certain gift in dealing with the ill were often called on to

help out in times of sickness or childbirth. (Quote – Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta) “If the benefits of modern medical science had been extended to them, these mothers could have been spared much suffering; some lives could have been lengthened. Relying only on God they went through it all with gentle dignity. Many are the children ‘Who shall arise and call them Blessed’.”

The pioneer men, too, need to be remembered for their perseverance in facing and overcoming the hardships they faced in breaking and clearing the land, and providing the necessities for their families. Most were poor with very little to work with. But, they were ‘overcomers’ and proceeded to accomplish what must have seemed the impossible.

Social Life

(by Gladys Severson)

The social life of the community in the pioneer years was very different from the social life of today. Nevertheless, it is thought that there was just as much fun, laughter and enjoyment. There were no cars during the first years and even when they began to appear they were used sparingly, partly due to very poor roads and partly due to cost. There were no televisions, movies, videos or video games. Imagination, initiative and effort were the required ingredients for entertainment.

Homes were the centre of social life. If it was winter there would be indoor games such as Poor-Pussy, Hide the Thimble, and Charades, or skating parties on the sloughs and creeks with a bonfire to warm up by. In the summer, the games would be outside, and some of them were: Croquet, Hide-and-Seek, Anti-I-Over, Last Couple Out and others. A sing-song around a bonfire with someone playing a guitar was very enjoyable. Lunch, which was provided by the mother in the home, was appreciated by all those who had worked up an appetite. One mother always made cocoa with a dab of whipped cream on top.

During the winter of 1899 a Literary Society was started. Meetings were held every two weeks which included varied programs. There were musical selections, songs, recitations, readings and even debates. The subject for one debate was “Woman’s Suffrage”. The negative side was very sincere in their argument that women would be neglectful of their homes and families if they were allowed to take time to vote! The Society published a newspaper called the ‘Village Whip’. The first editor was Peter Jevning, followed by James Fletcher. The newspaper would have an editorial



Bardo Drama Club, 1914. Back Row: Inga Johnson, Clarence Rude, Magda Anderson, Iver Moen, Albin Anderson, Carrie Eggen, Emil Rude, Sigvart Berg. Front Row: Hildur Rude, Miss Barlow (music teacher), Lauritz Eide, Nora Rude.

with news events as well as jokes. It seems that Jim Fletcher, who was Irish, provided many laughs with his jokes. At one of the programs, the Cookson brothers sang 'Oh, Dem Golden Slippers' and Gustava Brocke sang 'There Will Come a Time'. (Information Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta - p.122)

The first social in the community took place in the winter of 1900. It was called a 'Rag-ball' social. Balls were made from rags and trimmed on the outside to make them look pretty. The girl's name was placed in the middle and when it was auctioned off, the lucky buyer claimed that girl as his lunch partner for the evening. The money raised was used for buying books to start a library. Box socials were also much enjoyed. The girl placed her name, together with the lunch she had made, inside a decorated box. It was auctioned off and the highest bidder claimed both the lunch and the girl as his lunch companion. Sometimes two young men were interested in the same girl and

if it was discovered which was her box, the bidding would go very high until one young man would have to give in. This was good for raising money, but hard on the pocket book. Pie Socials became popular and still are held occasionally today.

In later years, in the baseball season, the neighbors gather at the community centre to cheer their team on as they play their games. Coffee, pop and hot dogs are served from the booth on the grounds. At the end of the game, the people gather around for refreshments, and enjoy visiting with the neighbors and those who came from another community.

During the years in which Bardo had a hockey team, the neighborhood would gather together to cheer on their team. Those games were held outside, as indoor rinks were not yet thought of. They were held in the daytime in Bardo because there was no electricity for lights. This was a part of the social life of the community during those early years.



Winter ride with horse and cutter pulling sleighs behind, 1927.

The Bardo Recreation Association still plays an active part in the social life of the community. A Social Committee is elected at the Annual meeting and they organize a variety of community functions. A few years ago, a good Variety Program was much enjoyed. The program was made up of items that came from various families in the community. There are occasional pie socials, crokinole tournaments, community breakfasts, as well as Halloween socials, hayrides and wiener roasts. In the fall of 1991, a group of community ladies gathered at the Centre to make lefse, which was sold at a Bake Sale, together with other Norwegian and assorted baking. The proceeds all went toward the expense fund for the Bardo Centennial History Book, which was in the making.

The Bardo picnic or sports day, held every June, is also a great social event for young and old. A ball tournament is held for the enjoyment of fans of all ages. The children always look forward to their races. Food is provided all day from both the Ladies' and Men's booths. A special supper is sold with chicken, ham or sometimes



Lefse-making – December 2, 1992. Bernice Heiberg, Pauline Rude, Lois Haugen, Darlene Vath, Barbara Stauffer.



Pie Social at Bardo Community Centre, 1985.



Bardo Community Christmas banquet at "That Place" in Tofield – November 23, 1984.



Halloween Party at the Bardo Community Centre – October, 1989.



Fund-raising project, 1993 – serving tea at the Tofield Art Show.

barbequed beef, together with potato salad, as the main course. Events like this are always a time of working together and result in a strengthening of friendships and community spirit. At the Annual meeting of the Bardo Recreation Association, a Fund Raising Committee was elected to organize fund raising activities for the ongoing expenses as the History Book is printed.

The schools always had an end of the year picnic which was looked forward to by children and parents alike. Parents brought food, and ice cream was usually the final treat. In later years, watermelon was looked forward to as well. During the day, the school ball team usually played against the parents, and races for all age groups including 'three-legged' races were held. It was a fun day, with time for neighbors to visit.



Christmas, 1972, "Jule bok".

Jule Buk was another custom that has left many fun memories. Usually, on a night between Christmas and New Year's, the adults would dress up in all sorts of unrecognizable costumes, and the group would go from home to home. The test was to see if the people in the homes could identify the persons. There are some very interesting stories told where someone disguised as a lady would make advances to the man or vice versa. It could become quite tense to find yourself wrapped in the arms of an unknown person, supposedly of the opposite sex. It was a night of wonderful fun!



Halloween Party, 1987.

The 'shivaree' was also an occasion that was not quickly forgotten. When a newly married couple had moved into their first home, they were feted with a shivaree. The neighbors would arrive as a complete surprise, preferably after the unsuspecting couple had retired for the night. The visitors would arrive with a bang, blowing horns, and beating on pans. Sometimes someone was brave enough to fire a shotgun into the air. It was of no use for the couple to refuse the visitors entry, because enter they would before they would leave. The story is told of one couple who refused to open the door, but finally had no choice. It was the era of the coal and wood stove. One of the group crawled to the top of the house and sat on the chimney, preventing the smoke from escaping. The house became filled with smoke so the door had to be opened. Lunch was brought along and sometimes a gift of money was left for the newlyweds, so it turned out to be a jolly evening after all.

In later years, the shivaree was also enjoyed after a couple had celebrated their silver wedding.

The neighbors would descend on the unsuspecting couple for an evening of visiting. Quite often the bedroom was decorated with tissue paper and sometimes cornflakes were put between the sheets. An alarm clock, set for the wee small hours, might be hung under the bed.

A housewarming was also an event to remember. If a couple moved into a new or different house, they would be treated to a housewarming. This treat could come to anyone, regardless of age, and was celebrated in many different ways. Sometimes the furniture in the house was rearranged so the bedroom furniture might be in the kitchen or vice versa, or even taken upstairs if there was one. This took place in the days when the homes were not locked, when the couple was away. It was all in fun. Of course, it took effort to get the furniture back into place.

Larry and Gail Foshaug will probably always remember their housewarming. The mischief-makers did their mischief, then went upstairs and waited for Larry and Gail to come home. They had trouble suppressing their laughter as they listened to the reactions of Larry and Gail. It wasn't long before the culprits came stomping down the stairs and made themselves known.

The following news items have appeared in the Tofield Mercury: "In 1940, a shivaree party at the home of Mrs. Alma Foshaug was attended by a large crowd to wish Mr. and Mrs. Leif Foshaug the best of luck and a happy married life."

1940 - "A shivaree party was given the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Severson at the home of M.B. Ness on Friday night. Guests were gathered at the Ness home when the couple arrived. A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Severson at lunch and a social hour was spent."

"On January 7, 1962, a surprise housewarming party gathered a large crowd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mosby who have recently purchased and moved on to the Tom Rorem farm. Lester Severson, in his jovial manner bid the Mosby family welcome in our community and on behalf of all present presented them with a gift of money. Mr. and Mrs. Mosby expressed their appreciation both for the visit and the gift. The ladies served lunch and everyone returned home happy."

It was intensely cold the night of the Mosby housewarming. There was an incline on the road just south of their gate which the cars had trouble climbing due to the icy conditions and intense cold.

Chautauqua was a highly remarkable attraction that first came to Canada in 1917. The

large brown tents that housed the performances had a magnetic attraction for the public. The early pioneers and settlers were often starved, it seemed, for something more than what was available. When chatauqua appeared, people flocked to the tents and received a feast of education, inspiration and entertainment. The programs featured music, singing, lectures, drama and learning for both adults and children.

Weeks before the event, the first of the Chautauqua personnel would arrive to make arrangements. In each town where the event was to be held, it was necessary to have a group of guarantors who would guarantee a certain amount of money necessary for the expenses of the Chautauqua cast of workers and entertainers. Tickets would be sold for the performances. It was necessary to have a promotion committee that would promote the sale of these tickets and make sure the event was well advertised.

When the Chautauqua arrived, the programs would usually continue for six days with performances each afternoon and evening. From a copy of a program held in Tofield in 1927, the ticket prices were as follows:

Season tickets - adults - \$3.00

Note: Adult tickets after opening day \$3.50

Children Season tickets - \$1.00

Tickets for a single performance ranged from 50¢ to 75¢. The first evening performance must have been special as the cost was \$1.00, if one didn't have a season ticket.

The first Chautauqua held in Tofield was in 1918 and it carried on each year until past 1927.

In Canada, the Chautauqua was in operation from 1917-1935. By then, the radio had become popular and Chautauqua died.

An interesting note appears in the Tales of Tofield. On June 4, 1918, in the school board minutes the following information was given: "During Chautauqua Week the school was to begin at 8:00 and close at 3:00 in order to accommodate teachers and pupils who wanted to attend the programs."

The Bardo Ladies' Aid was a special blessing to the Pioneer ladies. Sometimes, the ladies would gather in the forenoon on the day of Ladies' Aid. The hostess would provide dinner - not a banquet - but just sharing the meal together made it extra special. It was a wonderful time of sharing their pioneer experiences as they kept busy with the task at hand. Their purpose was not to simply socialize, but by working together, they helped the Mission outreach of the Congregation.



Ladies Aid at Mrs. Bertha Rude's home. Back Row: Mrs. Bartness, Mrs. Haugseth, Mrs. Brekkan, Mrs. O. Berg, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Stronstad. Middle Row: Mrs. Rude, Mrs. Finseth, Mrs. Tina Haugland, Mrs. Haugen, Mrs. Eggen, Mrs. Berg. Front Row: Agnes Jensen, Hildur Eggen, Sigrid Eggen.

Early Stores by Iris Francis

In 1894, the retail stores located nearest to the Norden (Bardo) area were in Edmonton and Wetaskiwin. A store and post office was opened on the East side of Bittern Lake in 1898 by Mr. Ernest Roper. This was situated eighteen miles east of Wetaskiwin, which made travel for supplies somewhat easier. Freightng, by team and wagon or sleighs in the winter, was the only way to provide necessary goods to the settlers and to the various local stores. This was not an easy task. There were periods of rainy weather which made the trails a sea of mud. It was difficult driving up and down the Pipestone River banks (Gwynn Hill) and fording the Pipestone Creek, especially in inclement weather. Blizzards in Central Alberta were uncommon in the early days, perhaps because of an abundance of trees. However, the snow was often deep and temperatures could drop to 40-50 degrees below Fahrenheit.

Perhaps the first store in the Beaverhill Lake area was that of Mr. Robert Logan, who arrived on the western shore of Beaverhill Lake in 1886. Here he opened his trading post for business.

To the south of Bardo, Mr. Bosmans settled on a ranch where he operated a store and trading post in his log cabin. In 1903 he built a larger store.

The Anderson brothers, Hans and Lars, arrived in the Bardo district with their parents and sisters. They came from Hitra, Norway in the early 1900's. One sister, Elen Marie, married William Simonson Sr. in 1907. Her brothers had a store

located on SW 1/4-27-49-19-4, two miles south and two and one half miles west of the present Anderson school site. This store was on the west edge of the Bardo district. The store closed when the brothers decided to return to Norway.

Mr. O.A. Bakken from Rock County, Minnesota had homesteaded the NW 1/4-24-49-19-4 in 1896-1897. He built a store on his land which was a little closer to the center of the Bardo community. It is not known how long this store was open. Mr. Bakken eventually sold to Ward and Whyte. They owned SW 1/4-25-49-19-4 just across the road to the north. Here another store was opened for business. However, this partnership did not last very long and they sold their business to Martin Finseth Sr. in 1902.

Mr. Finseth opened a store in connection with his home on NE 1/4-36-49-19-4. This was a boost to the local settlers, as the long wagon trips to Wetaskiwin, Bittern Lake or Edmonton, could be left mostly to the freighters. Individuals still travelled to Wetaskiwin for lumber and machinery, as the railway ended at this point.

Finseth's farm became a busy place upon the opening of the Bardo Store. Work and money were scarce, so a bartering system was started. Groceries were obtained in exchange for butter and eggs. Since muskrats were plentiful, the skins were sold for nine cents a piece and used as legal tender during the winters of 1902-1904. Settlers owning cattle managed better, as they could sell an animal at a fair price.

Times were difficult and work for pay was hard to get. A few found work in the 'bush' during the winter. Grain markets were too far away. Those who were able to use their hands as carpenters were in demand for building houses and later for schools, but money was scarce and wages low.

Many homesteaders were given credit by Mr. Finseth to help them over hard times. Sometimes coyote, lynx, badger, mink, and even skunk skins were bought by the store keeper. The skins were hauled to Edmonton, but the fur business was not very profitable. The Finseth's did their own freightng, but at times neighbors were hired to haul freight as well.

Too much credit was the downfall of the store business. Mr. Finseth was a very kind-hearted man with a concern for the welfare of the settlers. Times were changing with the development of small towns.

The railway reached Camrose in 1905. This provided a closer market for cattle, hogs and grain,



Rabbits were plentiful and made good meat. The hide was worth ten cents. Willard Burkholder, 1942.

so farming operations began to expand. Mr. Finseth decided, in 1906, to quit his storekeeping venture, and sold out to Mr. Anton Horte. According to the Finseth Store Record book, Mr. Thor Horte operated this store on the Finseth farm until 1912 when he moved to Kingman, Alberta, where he joined the company of Anton Horte and Sons.

Sometime in the early 1920's, when Albert Haukedal was the Wheat Pool agent at the Bardo elevator, located at the Bardo Siding west of the community, his brother, Joe Haukedal, had a



Horte store in Kingman, 1963.

“little store in the bush” near the train station. Joe was also a barber and did his share of cutting hair. It is not known how long this store and barber shop business was in operation.



Martin Finseth house and store, 1902. Barbro and Ivar (son) Finseth.

The Finseth Store at Bardo, 1902

(as written by Mrs. Alma (Finseth) Foshaug

The Finseth store was also the living quarters for the Finseth family. In 1905, Mr. Martin Finseth closed his store business and then Mr. Anton Horte and son took over and operated the store till some years later they moved to Kingman and started a store business there.

The summer of 1896, the Finseth family lived in this house, without windows and doors, and only loose, rough boards on parts of the floor.

In 1921, the adjoining buildings were removed. The house is at present time the living house for LeRoy and Mary Finseth, and is believed to be the oldest house in Bardo in use.

Mrs. Martin Finseth and her step-son, Iver Finseth, are the persons in the picture. Iver Finseth enlisted in the first World War and lost his life in action January 31, the year of 1918. (Editor's note - The house is now occupied by the great-grandson of Martin Finseth, Douglas Finseth and his wife, Judy.)

Charlie Peddler

Charlie, the peddler, started his peddling career in 1917. He was a Syrian Jew. He usually drove a single buggy or sleigh. The clothing he had for sale was usually for the ladies, although sometimes he would have shirts and handkerchiefs for the men. Zellers and the Hudson Bay Company in Edmonton would give him all the “hard to sell” goods.

Charlie was kind and generous, but cranky,

especially if the ladies would not buy. He was heard to say, "Cranky Kjaerring, alt i hop". This translated means, "Cranky woman, altogether!" Although he was a Jew, he could speak several languages.

One day Mrs. C.J. Rude and granddaughter, Iris, were home alone when they heard the 'clip-clop' of a horse's hooves and the rattle of the buggy. Iris was instructed to quickly lock the back door as Mrs. Rude did not wish to bargain with him that day. She knew that if the knock wasn't answered, Charlie would walk right in. Sure enough, the door was no sooner locked than a knock was heard and shortly after, the knob was turned. Grandma and Iris sat quietly in the living room so as not to be heard or seen. Shortly after, Charlie gave up and drove away.

Gladys Severson remembers the fascination of seeing the suitcases opened and all the 'goodies' displayed. One time he had hand-painted silk scarves along, which they admired so much that he gave some to the girls. He was generous in giving things away at times.

While travelling through the Bardo district, Charlie made his headquarters at the Joe Stauffer farm. Since he did his purchasing in Edmonton, he would leave his horse and buggy or covered sleigh at Stauffers and Mr. Stauffer would feed, water and care for it while Charlie was gone. Charlie was always given a bed upstairs in the house. To show his appreciation, he would give articles of clothing to Joe and Petra or towels or whatever he had on hand.

In 1943, Charlie was taken to Edmonton by a kindly neighbor in the Kingman area. He was sick, and died a few days later. So ended another era in a way of supplying goods to the rural communities.

Travelling Salesmen

Supplies, more in the line of spices and other kitchen needs, as well as chest-rubs and medicines have been brought to the door by salesmen for Rawleigh and Watkins products. The Fuller Brush salesmen used to be welcomed also, with a variety of brushes and other articles.

Such good products as camphor salve and carbollic salve were always kept on hand.

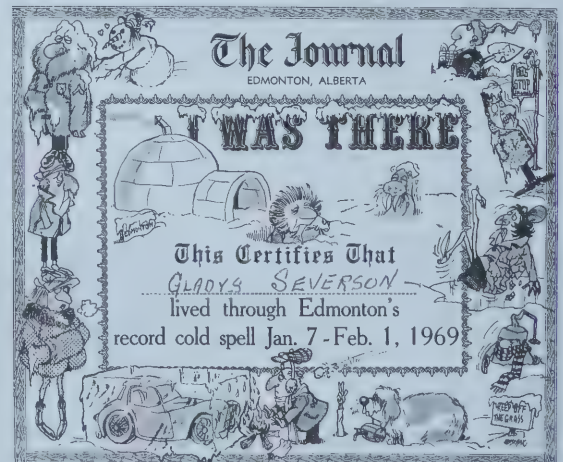
Weather

(by Gladys Severson)

Weather is always an important factor regardless in which decade it is experienced. It is a topic of discussion whatever the season. Bardo



Weather balloon, down on Ezra Stauffer's farm, 1939.



Daily High and Low Temperatures Recorded at Edmonton Industrial Airport

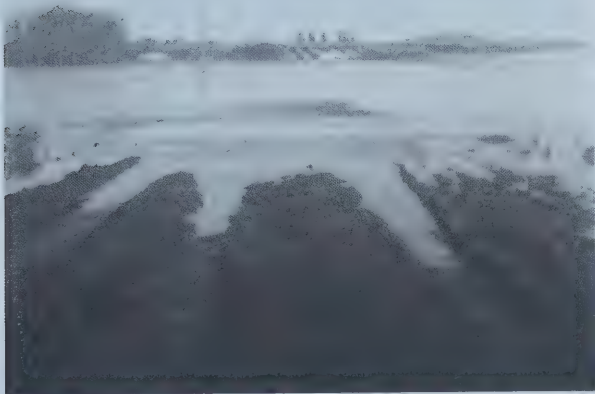
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The Journal Daily Temperature, January 7 to February 1, 1969.

was and is a farming community so the weather played an important part in the lives of the people.

The years from 1894-1899 had been rather dry, causing the early pioneers to wonder whether this new country would provide crops to meet their needs. At the turn of the century, there was a marked change. The years 1900, 1901, and 1902 were known as the rainy years. In 1901, it was reported that six inches of rain fell in June, fourteen inches in July, and six inches in August. Remember, this was inches, not centimeters! The Flaaten told of living under a sod roof for seven rainy years. Mr. M.B. Ness, when asked why he built the yard so far from the road, replied that the spot he chose was the driest spot he could find. He and Mrs. Ness arrived in the spring of 1902.

In those years, the roads were only trails so there were no ditches to take the run-off. Trails disappeared in the water. It happened that one could drive for miles in water that reached the hubs of the wagon wheels. Coulees became creeks, creeks became rivers, and sloughs became lakes. Fish were caught in the swollen creeks as they came down the streams from Beaver Lake.



Grand Forks creek flooded in 1948 and washed out the bridge. Water four inches from the south wall of the school.



Amisk Creek flooded, 1956. Grand Forks School.

The first winter was deceptively mild. However, winters to come proved to be bitterly cold, especially because the dwellings were primitive without insulation and only wood to burn for warmth.

Blankets would often be frosted by morning and water containers would freeze inside if the fire went out.

Blizzards were not common in the wooded country until later years when land was brushed in order to have larger fields. However, extreme temperatures were experienced, as low as 50 degrees below Fahrenheit. Heavy snowfalls were common until the last decade or so when winter started earlier in the fall and lasted longer with mild spells in between. The seasons have changed considerably.

1920 has been recorded as being one of the worst winters during the period up to 1944. A blizzard struck on October 16, 1930, so the threshing came to a standstill. However, the grain was threshed dry before Christmas that same year. Lots of snow fell during the 1940's so the roads were blocked. Schools were closed at minus 50 degrees as it was too cold for the children to walk or even drive. The schools could not be kept warm either.

Another blizzard struck the area in March 1951. Many people had great difficulty getting home from the John Deere show which had been held in Tofield that day. The road one mile west of 834 did not get opened until the sun did the trick in the spring. On May 8, Gladys Severson's birthday, the main road was still impassible for a car or truck. The neighbors arrived by wagon and horses, the only possible mode of transportation, to enjoy birthday cake and coffee.

Leif Foshaug was living on the quarter north



Snowbanks at the M.B. Ness farm, 1951. On top: Patricia and David. In front: M.B. Ness, Lester Severson.

of the Vic Wiens' poultry farm. He walked over to Ivan Foshaug's for cream one day and related that the drifts were so high in some places that he walked over the telephone lines, which were strung on high poles above ground in those years.

Mary Finseth tells of going to Tofield in May by horse and wagon, as this was the only way to get anywhere. Snow fell with a vengeance that spring, and with the high winds, played havoc with the roads.

February 19, 1965 will long be remembered for the lovely balmy spring-like day which turned into a blizzard nightmare before the day was over. People, vehicles, and school busses were stranded because of the severe wind, high snowbanks, and flying snow. Visibility was nil. There had been so much snow earlier that the snowploughs had time to clear only one track through on the west side of 834. Two Round Hill school teachers, Diane Rude and Iris Francis had just left for home after school when they were met by what seemed like a wall of snow. Even the car lights could not penetrate the snow. They became disorientated and were finally stuck in the snowbank. It was impossible to walk north toward home, so they turned back south. They shortly came to what they thought was Tom Campbell's driveway, but discovered they were going east at the intersection instead. They finally reached the Campbell's and were given a warm welcome. Both ladies suffered frozen legs and thighs. They were most happy to spend the night at the Campbell home. Their husbands were telephoned not to worry. They were able to get through, finally, the next day. Many others had similar experiences on that fateful afternoon and had to spend the night away from home.



Road after February 19th blizzard in 1965.

During one winter in the seventies, snowstorms struck every Thursday night for about five weeks in a row making the roads impassible, which caused the schools to be closed.

Dust Storms and Prairie Fires

Dust storms and drought struck in the early 1930's. The Depression had started in 1929. Life became very difficult for the farmers and city and town dwellers alike. This period of time will not be forgotten by those who lived through it.

Usually a storm blew up in the evening. A cloud might form at the horizon bringing hope for rain. As the cloud approached, a dirty, rusty hue to the cloud was seen. Then they knew what was coming. Everything was closed up as tightly as possible, but the fine dirt was not stopped from entering through the edges of the windows. It would get quite dark as the cloud of dust enveloped the area.

One evening, the storm hit before supper. The table was set and the butter was on the table. When the storm was over, the table was covered with a film of dust and the butter was quite black. The dishes had to be washed before the meal could be eaten and the butter was of no value.

Another day, the children were at school when the cloud started rolling in. Mr. Ness went to pick up his children in the car. On the way home he thought he should be close to the gate, but it was impossible to see so he just stopped the car and waited for a lull in the storm which made it easier to see.

It was not uncommon for the farmers to have to reseed parts of their fields, for the soil drifting could cut off the tender young plants, leaving nothing to grow.

Sometimes the storm would last for only an hour, other times the wind could blow and cause the soil to drift for days. There could be drifts of fine silt up to a foot or more in depth. We have had bad storms with drifting soil, but nothing like the dust storms in the earlier days.

The Northwest Territories were often ravaged by prairie fires in the 1800's and perhaps earlier. Seasons of good rainfall alternated with extremely dry spells which made ideal conditions for forest and prairie fires.

The spring and summer of 1895 saw a heavy growth of vegetation. A lack of rain later in the season caused the creeks and sloughs to dry up.

One October morning in 1895 a dark cloud resembling smoke was seen in the south. The Bardo settlers hurried to make "fireguards"



A dust storm, about 1934.

around their haystacks. A fireguard was made by ploughing several furrows around an area and burning strips of grass between the furrows, thus preventing the fire from burning the hay and buildings. However, the strong wind fanned the flames and the size and speed of the prairie fire made them realize that they could not stop it. The haystacks were abandoned and the men hurried home to see to the safety of their families.

One cannot imagine the fearful sight of a prairie fire with thick smoke, crackling flames and speed with which it overtook the riders, or the fear in their hearts for the loved ones at home.

Nels Jevning, a Bardo pioneer, wrote the following description of the fire as quoted from "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta" page 62. "The year after we came to Canada, our settlement was almost destroyed by a prairie fire which travelled so rapidly that one could not ride away from it on the speediest horse. We worked desperately to protect our property. The smoke was so dense that the sun was entirely darkened. The flames made a noise like thunder. This may sound unbelievable to those who have not had such an experience, but it is true nevertheless."

The summer and fall of 1896 were also very dry. Mid-September saw the beginning of prairie fires. Fire fighting continued both day and night for several weeks right up to the snowfall. The sod was so dry that large holes were burnt in the ground. Grass did not grow for many years in some sloughs because the soil was so badly burned.

The whole Bardo community and settlers to the east decided to plough a huge fireguard around the whole settlement. We again quote from the book, "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta" page 64. "To make such a fireguard, several furrows were ploughed close together. Then a strip of land was left untouched between that row and the next. Three such rows were made and the grass burnt off between the rows. This made a substantial fireguard." In 1944, traces of this old fireguard could still be seen near the Bardo elevator. Many times the women were home alone when a prairie fire was sighted. They, therefore were constantly on the watch for fires.

In 1897 fires again broke out, but in the north-west this time, more in the area which became known as Ketchamoot. This was a wooded area which made it more difficult to fight the fires.

Smaller fires were experienced over a period of time. However, the worst fire was the one in 1895. This was called The Big Fire. It burned a territory from Fort Pitt, Saskatchewan to north of Beaver Lake and the North Saskatchewan River, and two hundred and fifty miles from the south to Beaver Lake west.

A bad fire occurred in 1906 and again we quote from "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta", page 67. "Martin Eide says that this was the worst fire after he came to the settlement and occurred in the spring of 1906. It came with a strong north-west wind, swept over the southern part of the settlement, and passed the Grand Forks school-house with a furious speed. Desperate battles were fought that night to turn it away from houses and homes. In places men hitched themselves to plows to make furrows in the path of the oncoming fire. They saved their property, and before morning the fire was miles past the settlement. That was the very last bad fire in this district. New roads and newly broken land prevented fires from running wild. Prairie fires disappeared. Now they are only a memory."

To those of us living today they are a story depicting more of the difficulties endured by our forefathers who faced life without the conveniences which are so easy for us to take for granted. Stories like this leave us with even greater admiration for

their courage and perseverance and above all, for their faith in a Strong God.

Information for this article was taken from the chapter on Prairie Fires in the book, "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta, 1944". We greatly appreciate the foresight of the ladies who wrote the book as well as permission to use it for information. We encourage you to read this book if possible as there are many people-related experiences recorded both in the chapter on Prairie Fires and the other chapters.

Tornado

There will be no-one who lived in the vicinity of Edmonton, who will forget the tornado which hit the area in 1987. Lives were lost and homes demolished. Vehicles were picked up and carried through the air. Metal structures were twisted and destroyed.

Gladys Severson tells of the experience she and Lester had, on their way out of the city, after visiting at the University Hospital. They knew nothing of the storm until they started to drive

home. There was a downpour of rain in the vicinity of the hospital. They drove south to Heritage Mall and headed on their usual route of 23 Avenue, intending to drive to the intersection of Highway 14. They weren't far past the Calgary Trail when they could go no farther. Trees were uprooted and power lines were across the streets. After two hours of trying to find a way out of the city, they finally reached the highway (14) and continued on their way. They arrived home safely, although it was a frightening experience.

Parts of east and north-east Edmonton were devastated with nothing left standing. Many homes in the Evergreen Trailer Court were destroyed.

The next June, another tornado passed just one mile west of Highway 834 causing much damage, especially at the Rudolph Undin home.

There have been smaller tornados or hurricanes throughout the years that have destroyed buildings and trees, but none of the magnitude of the July 31, 1987 disaster.



Residence of Darrel and Kim Undin on June 5, 1988, after the tornado hit.



Tornado touched down at Falun on July 29, 1993. Picture taken four miles east of Falun. Storm continued and touched down at Holden later the same night.

Weather Today

(by Iris Francis)

Today's (1990's) weather conditions are very unpredictable. We can no longer depend on seasons as we once knew them.



January 31, 1989. A sudden snow storm the day after a rain storm.



Blizzard – October 16, 1991.

Winter, in the form of a blizzard, arrived on October 16, 1991 and stayed. February, 1992 was quite mild and the snow disappeared in March so people went without winter boots and wore spring coats and jackets. April was more like March should be (according to past experiences) and there was snow on May 20, 1992. This has occurred several times in the last few years. One year recently, the snowfall in May was so heavy and cold that the yard looked like it was fall instead of spring when the snow finally disappeared.

The sloughs are dryer this August (1992) than they have been for years and the ground has large cracks in it.

Rainfall is scattered and unpredictable. Southern Alberta, which is usually extremely dry and utilizes irrigation systems, was very wet in 1992. In fact it was wet to the extreme in some areas.



A real blizzard – May 5, 1982. Six inches of wet snow.



Snowing – August 21, 1992.

Electrical storms have occurred during winter months, a thing never heard of in the early years, up to sometime in the 1960's.

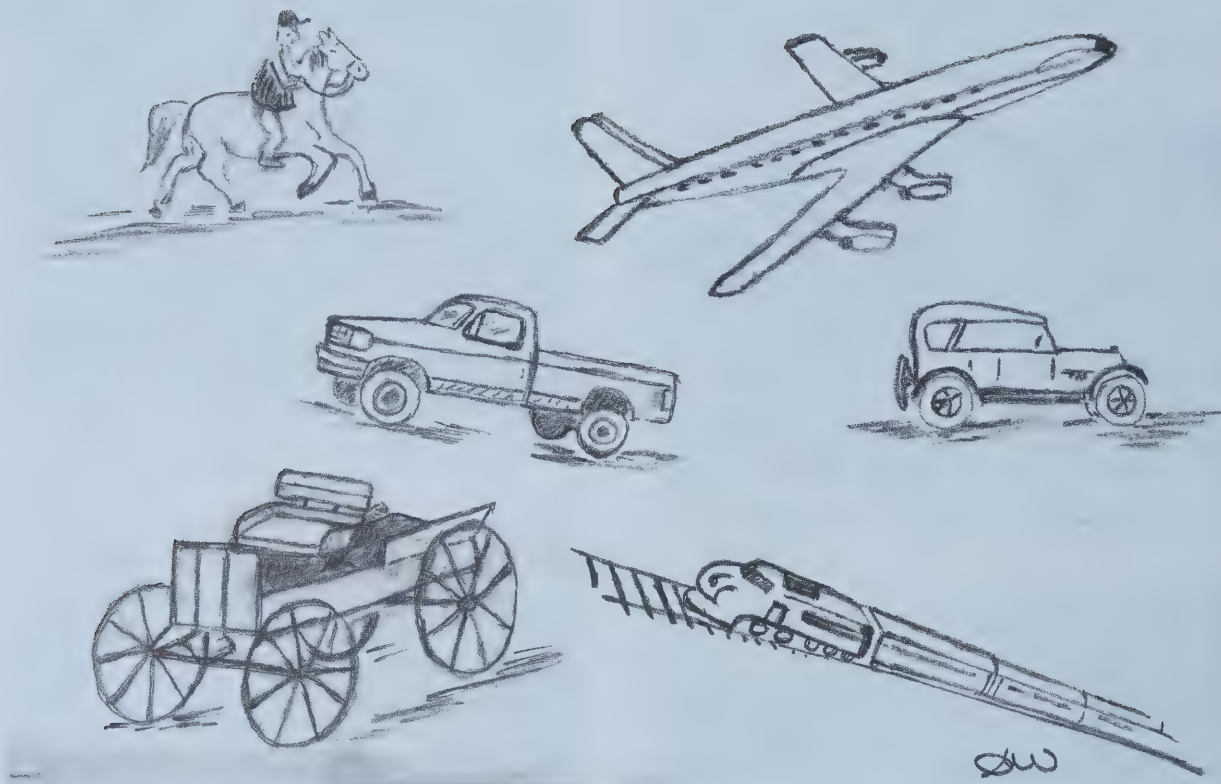
What would we do without weather, the most enjoyed, most annoying, and most talked about topic in society today?

Transportation

by Iris Francis

The early methods of transportation were quite different from those of today. Apart from walking, horse or oxen drawn vehicles were used by the pioneers and early settlers. The vehicles used in the summer were buggies, wagons and democrats pulled by teams, or in the case of a single buggy, a pony or lighter horse may have been used. Cutters and sleighs (runners were used instead of wheels) were used for winter travel. A covered-in cutter was used by some to make winter travel more comfortable. Skis were also used for travel throughout the neighborhood.

A "spring" seat was used on wagons to lessen



Earl Hills, Grandpa and Grandma Hills in Bardo, 1914.

the bumps and jolts of wagon travel. Those who could not afford a “spring” seat simply used a board across the sides of the wagon and endured the roughness of travelling this way. Hay or straw was sometimes put in the bottom of the sleigh or wagon box for the comfort of those sitting in the back.

The Bennett wagon came into use during the depression years of the 1930's. This was made by



Horse-drawn wagon with box and spring seat.

mounting a wagon on the rubber-tired wheels of cars, since many people did not have the money for gas. This gave a much smoother ride. The name, Bennett wagon, came from Canada's Prime Minister (Bennett) during the Depression.

Horse back riding was common. Several children would ride one horse to school. Mail delivery from place to place was also made on horseback.

As the economy improved, the Bardo farmers



Clarence and Borghild Rude with children in the Bennett buggy, 1940.



Mabel, Leif and Merlin Foshaug going to school with Prince and two-wheeled buggy, 1923.



Ivan Foshaug, Arthur Moen, Leif Foshaug (Sailor), 1922.

as well as others were again able to afford gas. They took their cars out of storage (in a shed). Those who had used their cars for Bennett wagons were able to purchase new cars and travelling became much easier and faster. Anti-freeze was not known as yet so hot ashes were taken from

the cook stove or heater and placed under the oil pan of the car in order to get it to start in the winter time. This was done even in the early 1940's. As time went on, various sized trucks became common and today one can see large transport trucks speeding by on secondary Highway 834 and elsewhere.

Passenger trains certainly facilitated travel all across the continent. Then busses took over and one can travel east, west, north and south. Busses are still in use, however, if one wishes to proceed very quickly to the destination of one's choice, the airplanes facilitate the matter with speed and efficiency.

Water travel is also available. Explorers and trappers travelled the rivers and waterways across Canada in the early days. Pleasure boats of all sizes are available as well as freight ships on the larger bodies of water. Ferries were commonly used to transport vehicles, people and their goods across smaller bodies of water.

Our forefathers would be amazed to see the changes which have taken place during the last one hundred years.



Reverend Bersvend Anderson at 85 years of age with his horse and homemade covered sleigh, 1906.



Riding in the "bob-sleigh", 1925.



Chris and Bertha Rude driving the "jumper". They used a foot warmer in cold weather, and heated stones before the foot warmer.



Pete Johnson in front of his Uncle Edwin's home at LaGlace, Alberta. Pete built his enclosed sleigh.



Ladies riding horseback. Carrie Eggen, Nora Rude, Alice Rude, Olfrid Eggen.



Clarence and Nora Rude. Model T.



Lars and Alma Foshaug family. Front Row: Mr. Foshaug, Ivan, Borghild. Back Row: Mrs. Foshaug, Merlin, Leif, Gunda, and Mabel. First Ford car cost \$600.00 in 1917.



Tom Rorem, Ed Thompson, Lars Foshaug, Oscar Simonson.



Lars and Minnie Sorgaard, 1925.



Early 1930's.



1940 Ford.



Roy Whillans and their first Model T Ford, 1941. "No anti-freeze."



Left: Francis (Fanny) Ingram and Guy Owens. Right: Wesley and Theresa (Nordhus) Ingram.



Peter Lerbekmo's plane, 1926.



Grandpa Franklin, Eddy Hills and Jack Lerbekmo with Pete Lerbekmo's plane.



A mode of transportation.



Playing on the Wideman farm. Charlotte and Brett Neggers, Royden Wideman.

Roads

by Phillip and Norma Anderson

These past one hundred years have seen changes in travel from Indian trails to the paved highways we have today.

For the first settlers, the travel on trails began at Wetaskiwin, Northwest Territories. Various trails followed higher ground around groves and sloughs.

The old Duhamel Trail went west through Duhamel to Camrose, then north connecting with the east Beaver Hills Lake trail. This trail came over Coal Hill, then followed the higher ground on the south side of Amisk Creek, originally known as "Beaver Creek", just south of the old Grand Forks School, then east to the east side of Beaverhill Lake.

The Beaverhill Lake - Battle River Trail, ran north and south, west of Kingman and passed three miles west of the present Bardo Community Centre. It continued on until it connected up with the Fort Saskatchewan trail that ran east past the north side of Beaverhill Lake. These trails connected with other trails. One went east and west through the centre of the Bardo settlement. Part of that trail can still be seen on SE-29-49-18-W4 and on the north side of the creek on SW-31-49-18-W4, just east of Warren Stauffer's buildings.

One of the first winter roads used to Edmonton went by Ross Creek and Fort Saskatchewan. In summer a more circuitous route was taken going by Bruderheim and the Fort. Because both of these roads were difficult, the settlers sometimes went to Edmonton by way of Scandia and Hay Lakes. The drives to Edmonton and Wetaskiwin were at times very hazardous. Creeks and rivers would flood making detours necessary. Wagons frequently became stuck in mud holes and upsets were common.

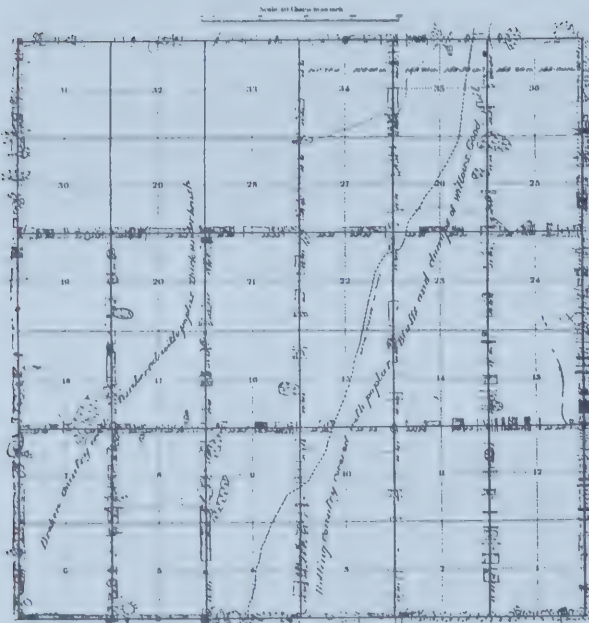
As early as 1895 the settlers south of Beaverhill Lake cut out a road on the correction line which now runs through Tofield. They cut the right of way and corduroyed the sloughs as far as Hastings Lake. Quite a few of the settlers from the Bardo settlement were employed in the venture.

The Baseline Road north-west of the Bardo district, was started east of the present Edmonton following higher terrain as far east as Ross Creek in 1896 - 1897. A south branch was also cut which joined the Baseline at Blackfoot Lake.

In 1896 - 1897 the south branch of the Baseline Road started near Tofield and headed in a north-westerly direction following the higher ground through the Blackfoot - Cooking Lake Reserve, which was originally a forest reserve. The south branch joined the north Baseline Road at Blackfoot Lake. This portion continued westward through present day Sherwood Park to North Edmonton. (That road is still known as the Baseline Road.)

In 1900 the settlers cut out the road from the

PLAN OF
TOWNSHIP NO 50
RANGE 10 WEST OF FOURTH MERIDIAN



Completed from survey by
Arthur David, Esq. A.D. 1888
Twp. 50 N. 10 W. 1000

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
LACROIX, S. J. Esq. Esq.
Clerk, 1888 May 25
Approved and recorded

Rivett
Surveyor General

1777
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Contents:
Land in Section Acres
Roads " "
Water " "
Total Area 25

Surveyed by the Under-Surveyor
L. J. G. G. Esq.
1888

Dominion Lands Office
Ottawa
25th June 1888
Approved and recorded
Rivett
Surveyor General

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Roads 37.90 " "
Water 1816.63 " "
Total Area 5946.46 " "

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Trail map.



Road construction in Alberta, Lauritz Eide (x).

east end of Hastings Lake to the west end of Cooking Lake on the south side of the lakes.

When the railway grade was built, sometime after 1905, travellers used it as a highway as far as Cooking Lake until the laying of the steel around 1909 – 1910. Such traffic was then prohibited.

In 1927 a highway was surveyed which followed the old road. It was gravelled in 1930 and an oil base was applied in 1955. The highway was straightened and paved in 1975. This became Highway 14 and is a major highway between Edmonton and the Saskatchewan border.



Road building with a team and a fresno.

As the farms were being developed in the Bardo settlement, road allowances were followed more closely. Trees were cut and sloughs filled. All the soil was moved with hand-held scrapers drawn by horses. The four horse scraper was called a fresno and the two horse one, a slip. The farmers were happy to work on the road construction as not only did they get better roads but they were allowed to work against their land taxes. Many boys as young as 12-15 years drove horses.

Later the Corn Hill Municipality which included the west half of the Bardo District, purchased an Elevator Grader. This consisted of a large disk which rolled the dirt on to a conveyor making the road high with deep ditches.



Building road with an earth-moving machine called a "fresno".

The north-south road passing through Township 49 and 50 and Range 18 and 19 became the main road through the settlement. Because the Amisk Creek crossed the road in two places between Parkers and Moens (Ken Stauffer place and Charles Rude place) a survey was made in 1903 around the west side of the creek bends.

Around 1951, in order to get a better road, the farmers voluntarily moved their fences and gave eight feet of their land for a wider road. At that time the road was straightened across the creek.



A road maintainer.

In the 1950's, when centralized schools came into being and school busses were used to transport children to and from school, many of the roads were upgraded and gravelled. In 1963 an additional right of way was purchased from the farmers to widen the road to highway standard and it was also gravelled. In 1969 it became Secondary Highway 834 and in 1983 was surfaced with oil. This eliminated dust and flying stones. Later the road was reconstructed in 1986 and completed with the final layer of pavement in 1990. Speed limit now became a fast 100 kilometres an hour.

Railroads

The forerunner of the railroad was the overland trail from Fort Garry, Winnipeg to Edmonton, Alberta. The Transcontinental Railways, as well as their branch lines, made use of the time-worn Indian trails.

The Canadian Northern Railroad was being built in 1904 and was the first line to cross the country from Winnipeg to Edmonton. Vegreville and other towns sprang up along that line.

The Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) was laid east from Wetaskiwin and arrived in Camrose in 1905. Now the Bardo settlers were only twenty-



Building the railroad.



Loading gravel for building railroad beds.

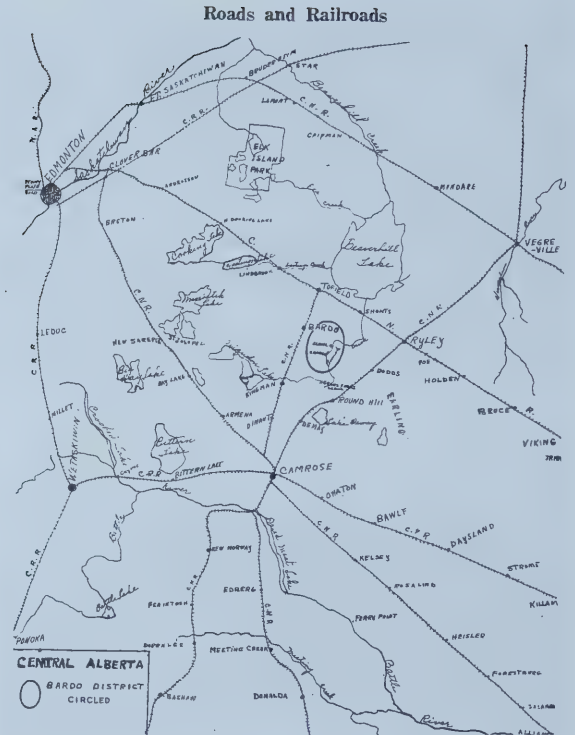
five miles from the railway which was a great benefit for them.

The construction of the railroad bed and laying of rails was all done by men, mules and horses. Camps were established along the route as work progressed.

In 1906 the Grand Trunk Pacific was surveyed through the district and on June 30, 1909 the steel was laid as far as Tofield, Alberta. The first train came through from Winnipeg en route to Edmonton on July 22, 1909. The first train, carrying both passengers and freight, arrived August 1st and the first passenger train from Winnipeg to Edmonton through Tofield arrived August 13, 1909. What a memorable time for the settlers. Now they were much closer to the train, to ship their products and also to travel east or west. Those first trains were really something. They travelled at twenty-five miles per hour!

The Tofield - Calgary branch line through Kingman was started in August, 1909. Bardo was the first station going south of Tofield. The steel was laid in November 1909 and a special train went from Tofield to Camrose on February 5, 1910.

The first trains were pulled by steam engines which required coal and water located at various points along the track. These were used until the early 1950's when the steam engines gave way to the diesel engines. The coal docks and water tanks were then removed.



Bardo and surrounding districts, 1944. (Taken from "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta").



Summer, 1912. Working on the railroad in the Beaverhills. Fourth person from left is Lars Sorgaard.



Laying the steel through Tofield, 1908.



Arrival of No. 1 Grand Trunk Pacific.



A Steam Engine.



The C.N.R. water tower for the steam engines.

The local daily train service was discontinued around 1950. Only passengers travelling beyond Edmonton or Wainwright could buy tickets and the local agent would stop the transcontinental train called "The Flyer" for passengers to board. This service was eventually terminated as well. With the passenger service no longer available and the installation of an automated signal service, the stations and agents were no longer needed. Most train stations in the small communities have been sold and moved away. Now there is just a small building at the original site of the Station.

Section men still work along the railway to ensure the safety of all concerned. The old pump-type speeder has disappeared and the pick and shovel have been replaced by power tools.

Negotiations were started in October, 1919 which resulted in a plan to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company into the system of the National Railways. By the mid 1930's passenger and freight train service began to dwindle. Freight service between Tofield and Kingman, using the Bardo Siding, accommodated the grain elevators until 1977 - 1978 when the steel between these two towns was removed in 1978. That era of hope and progress thus ended.

Today long trains of freight cars travel at speeds unthought of in the early days and the transcontinental passenger trains rush by. The excitement and happiness caused by the first trains crossing the country and stopping at every little town is a thing of the past. The fast trains of today have lost the impact on the community which the slower trains had on the isolated pioneer era. Such is progress!

Postal Service

(by Gladys Severson)

When the settlers first arrived in the Bardo area in 1894 they would use horses and wagons to travel the sixty miles over a prairie trail to Wetaskiwin to get mail and news from the outside world. The weather and the conditions of the trail could make this trip very difficult, so often the news was several weeks old before it reached them. It was a happy occasion when someone did return with the mail for the whole community.

After about a year the mail was brought to Edmonton and then to Fort Saskatchewan where it was picked up. A Mr. Logan had a trading post on the west side of Beaver Lake where he set up a Post Office. Now the mail was brought from Fort Saskatchewan to the Logan Post Office twice a month. The trail that the mail carrier followed

from the Logan Post Office to Fort Saskatchewan was about sixty miles and was made with difficulty. It was probably the buffalo trails that they followed. These trails were probably not the worst, for the buffalo would instinctively follow the higher, less heavily treed ground. Horseback riders could follow these trails through the trees, but a wagon would have to take another route. Sloughs, soft ground, creeks with no bridges over which to cross, and hills, made the route hazardous and long. The mail carrier persevered and the mail was brought in time, regardless of the difficulties.

A couple of years later a petition was circulated, signed and sent to the Dominion Government at Ottawa, asking for a Post Office to be located at Pete Jevning's on N.E. 6-50-18-W4. The name was to be Norden. The English speaking settlers objected to the name as they wanted an English name. They settled on the name Northern, which was the English translation of Norden. The settlers who were closer to the south end of Beaver Lake also petitioned for a Post Office, which was located on the homestead of George Cookson Sr. and was named Tofield in honor of Dr. Tofield, who was the first doctor to establish himself in the Beaver Lake District in the years 1892-1918.

Both the Northern and Tofield Post Offices were opened in the fall of 1897. Peter Jevning was the Postmaster at Northern. He received a salary of \$7.00 for the first year. The second year his salary was raised to \$10.00 with a commission on postal notes and stamps. Both of these Post Offices were served by a mail carrier who hauled the mail from the Logan Post Office every second Wednesday and returned the following Thursday with the outgoing mail. The mail carrier from Fort Saskatchewan would wait at the Logan Post Office for the outgoing mail. Albert Bruce was the first mail carrier from the Logan Post Office to the Northern and Tofield Post Offices. He carried on for the next two years. In 1899 William Rowland became the mail carrier and continued until 1906. The trails were difficult to travel, with sloughs and creeks which made detours necessary. There were times that the horses would have to swim over the rain-swollen creeks as they made the trip.

The pioneers were very isolated from the rest of the world. Mail day became an important event when everyone gathered to receive letters and news. The following excerpt is taken from "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta". "The story is told that on one occasion the newspaper carried the news that a horseless carriage had been invented. This horseless carriage actually moved on its own



Post Card from May, 1908
with a one-cent stamp.

power." News like this was received with skepticism. "Then came a paper telling that some 'wise-guy' in the United States had made a 'bird' that would fly a short distance. Did they believe it? No, they did not! Some even made the remark that the world was going crazy." Little did they realize what vast changes these two inventions would make in the coming years.

In 1902 the Northern Post Office was moved from the Peter Jevning to the Nels Jevning home on the same section. John Jevning became the Postmaster. The mail was now delivered weekly. The Northern Post Office served an area as far east as Viking as well as the areas of Earling, Kingman and Round Hill. Changes came as the railroads were built. The Round Hill Post Office was established in 1903, located in Bosmans' Store. At the time, those living in the southern part of the district then used Round Hill as their Post Office. Clarence and Emil Rude were two of the young men who took turns bringing the mail, carried in gunny sacks on horseback, and distributed as they rode home. These families were included in the rural route deliveries after this service was started.

In the fall of 1903 the Northern Post Office was moved to the Martin Finseth home and the name Northern was changed to Bardo. There were reasons for this change. The name Northern was often confused with northern Alberta which caused difficulties. The name Bardo was very dear to these early pioneers as a great many of them had immigrated from Bardu, Norway. Changing the name to Bardo made them feel as though they still had strong ties with their homeland.

The Post Office was located in the log house built by the Finseths in 1896. An addition had been added which was the store and another addition provided living quarters for the Finseth family. Andrew Finseth became the Postmaster of the Bardo Post Office with an annual salary of \$30.00 to \$40.00 a year. He held this position for five

years. He moved to Ryley in 1908. The log room which housed the Post Office is still in use as it is the kitchen of the present Finseth home. When the Bardo Post Office was located at the Finseths the household was composed of Martin Finseth, his wife Barbro, together with sons Andrew and Peter, and their foster daughter, Alma, who later became Mrs. Lars Foshaug.

On mail days the Finseth home was often a beehive of activity. It also became a community centre as the neighbors gathered to get their mail. The coffee pot was always on the stove in order that each one could share a cup of coffee. The story was told by Barbro that there were times that she and Alma could not keep up with the baking so they would have to get help. It was not only coffee that was given but also old-fashioned lemonade and even tea for the Scottish and English pioneers. Since mail days could bring crowds of people to the Finseth home there would even be times when forms of entertainment were provided. One of the favorites was Andrew playing on the coronet while John Thorsley walked the tightrope twenty feet off the ground.

In 1906 the Equity Post Office was opened nine miles east of Bardo. This Post Office was moved to Ryley when the Grand Trunk Railway came through in 1908-1909, and the name of the Post Office was changed to Ryley.

In 1906-1908 the Canadian Northern Railway reached Chipman, making more changes. The mail now came to Chipman making less miles for the mail carrier to travel.

In 1909 the Grand Trunk Railway came to Tofield. Bennie Finseth was now the mail carrier from Tofield to the Bardo Post Office receiving \$1.50 for the seven mile trip.

When the Railway line was built from Tofield to Camrose there were stations built between these points. One station was the Bardo Siding. This was located two miles west and one mile north of the Bardo Post Office at Finseths. From 1911-1915 the mail was brought to the Bardo Siding by train once a week. A mail carrier would get the mail and bring it to the Bardo Post Office, receiving \$1.00 for each trip.

Borghild Rude remembers accompanying her grandfather, Martin Finseth, when he drove with the single buggy and horse to get the mail at the Bardo Siding. This trip was made once a week. The mail was brought to the Bardo Post Office, stamped and sorted so the neighbors could pick up their mail. To Borghild, the trip was sometimes a frightening experience as the trail often went



Easter Greetings – Post Card sent to the Logan Post Office via Chipman.

through considerable water when sloughs got big and deep from the rains. Borghild also remembers how special she felt when her grandfather let her stamp the mail which had come in. One time she remembers she was given a bag of popcorn for her help. Can you imagine the anticipation as the young and old, married and single, would come eagerly expecting to receive a letter and papers which would make it possible for them to catch up on the news of the world?

The first rural mail routes were started in 1912. In 1915 the Bardo district petitioned for a rural mail route to bring the mail from Tofield to the residents in the Bardo area. The petition was granted and Rural Route #1 was begun and is still functioning. In the beginning, each family who lived on the designated mail route put up a mail box at their gate where the mail carrier left their mail three times a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Bardo Post Office, which had been

such an important and busy centre was no longer needed. Another era was completed.

Mr. Parker Sr. was the first mail carrier on Rural Route #1. His route covered a round trip of thirty miles over country roads, which were often nearly impassable with snow in winter, and mud in rainy weather. It is difficult for us to imagine what the rural mail carrier endured. His mode of travel was a trustworthy horse pulling a cutter or sleigh in winter and a buggy in summer. As the roads improved it became less difficult for the mail carrier to complete the route.

The trains have played a very important role in the story of the Postal Service. They brought the mail in large canvas bags which were left at the stations where they were picked up by the person responsible and brought to the Post Office. The last train run that brought the mail to Tofield was in 1957. From then on, the mail has been brought by a Transport truck. This mail Transport comes to Tofield about 2:00 A.M. six times each week. In 1992, a great deal of the mail is transported by courier services as well as by air. The last train to deliver mail elsewhere in Canada was in 1968.

The Post Office in Tofield is a busy spot and serves quite a large area. In 1992 the Postmaster was Barry Robinson. The staff included two full-time workers and three part-time workers. There are 448 Post Office boxes available to residents in the area. It is a good place to greet friends as they come for their mail around 10:00 A.M. There are not enough post office boxes so 120 receive their mail by General Delivery.

There are five rural mail routes in the Tofield area. These serve 789 customers along their routes. With improved roads the mail carriers have a far different task from the pioneer years. At present the carrier for Rural Route #1 delivers each day Monday through Friday and drives the horseless carriage which was so unthinkable in those first years.

As I have compiled this story I feel gratitude to the pioneers who persevered and never lost sight of the need to press on. They worked steadily to overcome the obstacles, and there was progress. Today, we enjoy many of the benefits that were started with their initiative one hundred years ago.

COAL MINING

Submitted by Kathleen McClellan

About 1906 William Thomson and Jim Ingram opened a small underground coal mine on the farm of Peter Ingram, now owned by David

Schmidt. It was named the Pioneer Mine. A seam of coal six feet deep was found six feet below the surface and a tunnel was dug to it. The tunnel was roofed, walled and securely braced, and was slowly extended back as the coal was removed.

Work was done with pick and shovel; the coal loaded by hand onto small coal carts which were pushed out to the mouth of the tunnel to be loaded onto settler's wagons. Later, a small pony was used to pull the coal carts to the outside.

Purchasers for the coal came from nearby and from as far away as Vegreville. In the winter, parties of neighbours travelled together with several teams to be able to help each other if they had trouble on the way. Farmers from Mundare drove across the frozen Beaverhill Lake to shorten the trip. During the threshing season coal was hauled to fire the big steam engines, and coal was also used as power for the steamers used to break the land.

About 1908 Jim McDevitt, an experienced miner, leased the mine, paying a royalty of so much per ton to the Government and so much to the owner. Weight had to be estimated as there was no scale. When that coal seam ran out McDevitt leased the rights to the coal on the quarter west of the depleted mine. The seam ran six feet thick here as well but was eighteen feet below the surface so a wooden "tippie" was built with a hoist to bring the coal to the surface. A stationary steam engine, fired by slack coal, provided the power to lift the hoist and also to pump water out of the mine.

About 1926 the coal was exhausted so the pump was pulled up and the mine closed. Steam engines were being replaced by smaller gasoline tractors and engines so there was less demand for coal. Jim McDevitt dug a shaft on the land owned by the Kleinschroth family and named it the "Bardo Coal Company." However this coal was too hard to dig with picks and he could not finance the electric cutters needed so abandoned the project.

In 1933 when times were hard and money scarce, a group of families reopened a seam of coal on the Ingram farm, then owned by Robert Rose. This seam had been rejected as of inferior quality, but as it was available for no cost but the labour, it was used for that one winter.

In 1926 and '27 William and John Thomson opened a small private mine on their land. It was a tunnel, cut ten or fifteen feet into a bank and walled and roofed. The coal was good but the mine inspector thought there was too much risk involved in the underground work, and recommended the

seam be uncovered. When McDevitt closed his Pioneer mine and the pumps stopped working, the Thomson mine flooded as well so it was also abandoned. The excavations soon caved in, obscuring all signs of the project.

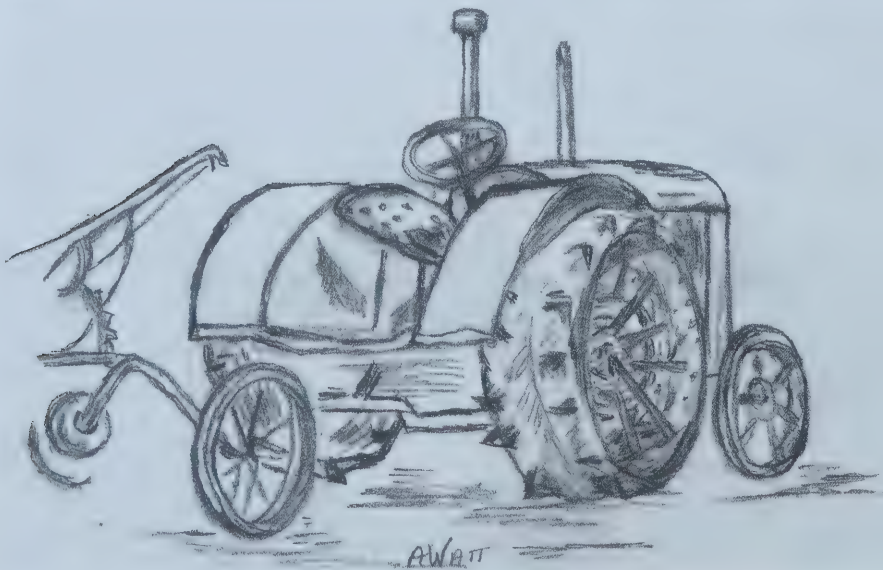
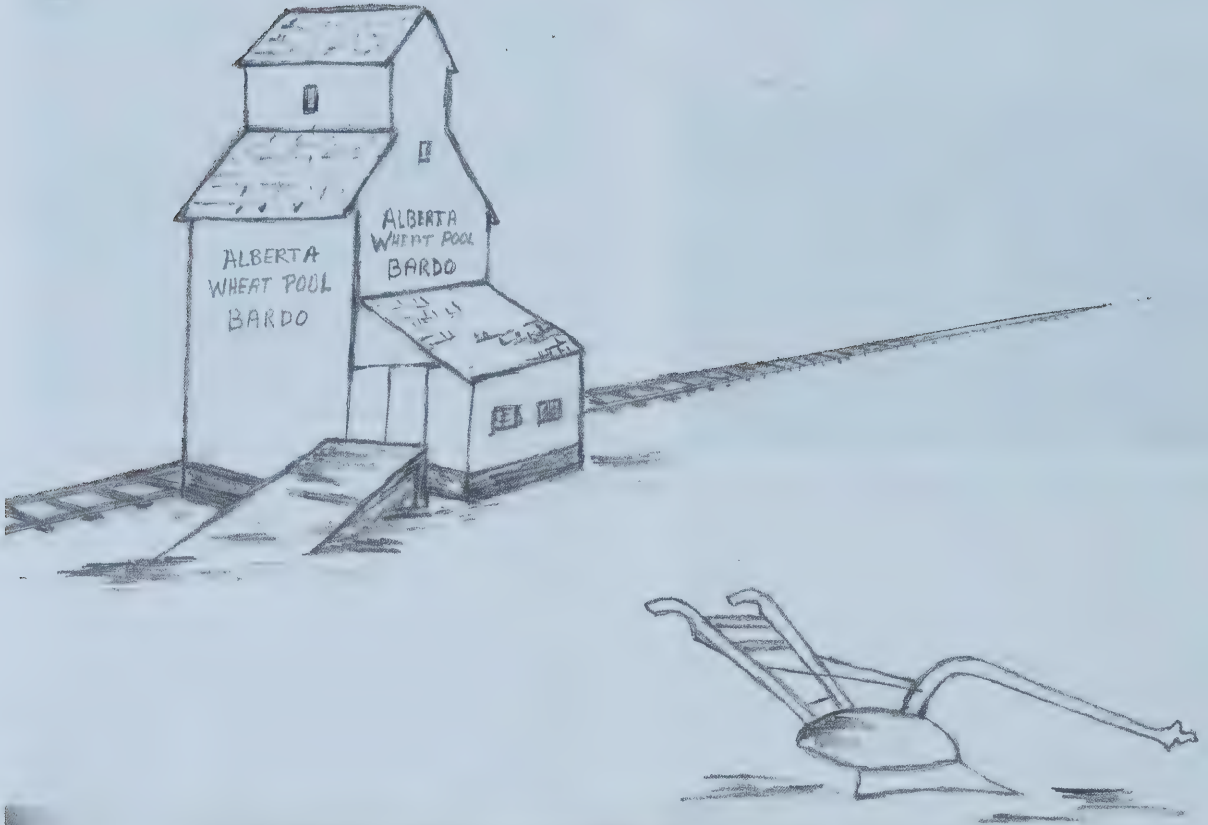


Taking out coal from the mine on the William Thomson farm, mid-1920's. John, Mabel, William Thomson.

Coal mining in the district came to an end, but at least one miner estimated there are still several thousand tons of coal under the soil.



Monrad Finseth hauling coal in 1942 when the temperature was minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Notice the hoar frost on the horses and around Monrad's face.



Agriculture

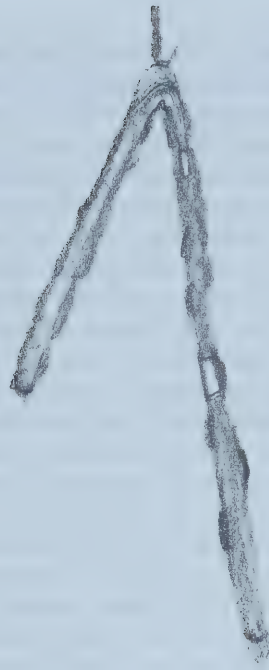
(by Larry and Gail Foshaug)

An immediate problem for the new settlers was to get a few acres of land under cultivation for the production of vital foods. The first acres were devoted to hardy vegetables and potatoes. But “bread is the staff of life”, and their ambition was to raise the grains from which bread might be made. However, inadequate and primitive farming equipment, frosts, smut germs, and unsuitable varieties of wheat made it difficult for them to secure an adequate supply of flour.

Men experimented with various kinds of wheat suitable for the climate. Oats was the main crop for years. Yields of over one hundred bushels per acre were not uncommon. The kernels were so well filled that the bushel weight was from forty pounds and up. Barley was introduced later, in the mid thirties. The need to enhance the cash flow brought the introduction of canola in the late sixties or early seventies, followed by peas and lentils in the eighties. Over the years grasses were also grown, not so much for seed but mainly for hay and pasture.

The harvesting and threshing of the grain presented problems to the early homesteaders. There were two binders brought in, one by N. Jevning, and the other by P.C. Moen of Amisk Creek. Because of the small acreage at first, a scythe with a cradle attachment was often used. John Lerbekmo and P.B. Anderson invented a type of reaper by adding a platform and rake attachment to a mower. One man drove the machine while the other walked beside it with a wide rake. When enough grain for a bundle had gathered on the platform, it was raked off to be tied later by hand. As the acreage of cultivated land increased, those who had binders would do custom reaping.

The first threshing was done by flail, a familiar method from Norway. A sheet of ice would be frozen about the size of a small skating rink. Bundles of grain with the heads toward the centre



A flail. A very simple tool called a flail was first used for beating (threshing) the grain out of the husks before more advanced machines were invented. The grain lay on the ground or barn floor and the wind blew the chaff away.

were laid in a circle, in the centre of which stood a man with a flail to beat the grain. The straw was cleared away with a fork but the chaff remained. To clean the grain, it was tossed for a short distance into the granary. The largest and best kernels fell inside while the lighter kernels fell outside. The wind blew the chaff away. After the grain was run through a fanning mill it was taken to the mill and ground into flour.

The nearest flour mill was in Edmonton. By the time the bread was baked and served on the pioneer's table, it represented many days of toil and sweat, verifying the decree of the Creator to the first tiller of the soil: “By the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread.”

Thor Grue of Skandia invented a faster method of threshing. Inside the circle of bundles used for flailing, he fastened a good-size log or roller to a post by means of a clevice. A horse was hitched to the outer end of the roller which crushed the bundles as it was rolled over them. Sam Nomeland states that he took grain to Grue's and had thirty bushels threshed in about four hours. Since Mr. Grue hitched a pacer to the roller, the threshing was done at a good clip and was much faster than the flail.

A very interesting invention in Bardo's pioneer history was a home-made threshing machine. It was named "Beaver Lake Chief". The makers of this machine were Halvor Haugen, Johannes Johnson and Hugh Mitchell. It was built in a long frame with a seven foot wooden drive-wheel. There were handles on both sides of this drive-wheel, the turning of which took from four to six men. The main part was shaped something like a loading chute with a slanted fall from the cylinder which was at the top. This cylinder was made of a two foot piece of eighteen inch log with iron teeth like a separator cylinder. Since the grain passed over the cylinder instead of underneath, as in other models, it was called an "overshot" machine. It had two small platforms, one for the bandcutter, and the other for feeding. The straw and grain came out together at the back. A man with a fork tossed away the straw as it came and when the pile of grain was large enough, it was put into sacks.

As more settlers arrived, the cultivated acreage increased and the need for a different method of threshing became apparent. This need led to the arrival of threshing machines and the use of custom outfits. The Sterritt brothers bought a horse power outfit which took six teams as motive power. They were also the first to break new land with a steam engine pulling the plow. Prior to this the land was broken with oxen and horses and wooden beam plows. Some of the steam outfits pulled three twenty-four inch plows. Albin Anderson in the *Harvest of Memories* (History of Kingman and Districts book) says, "In 1905 I worked for Haugen and Haugseth on a steam operated breaking outfit powered by a Case 25 horsepower engine weighing 25 tons and pulling two 18-inch plows with wooden beams. We left north Bardo at nine o'clock in the morning on the 7th of June and it was snowing. By the time we got to the Bartness place (now Heiberg's) there were already four inches of snow and we had to give it up as the wet snow stuck to the driver of the engine. One week later we started out again and got to our destination, the Bjorgum farm one mile south of Kingman. We had contracted to break 40 acres. The brush which had already been cut with an axe consisted of willows with tough roots. The land was wet and we mired down several times a day. It took better than three weeks to finish the job which was paid for at \$8.00 per acre. This 40 acre field was the largest one piece field in the district including Bardo and Tofield. Later we moved to the Osness place where we broke 25 acres west of the buildings. This farm was later

known as the Wempe farm (now owned by Olaf Heie and Son)."

The early tractors used for breaking land would have pulled one eighteen to twenty-four inch plow. In the later years, caterpillar tractors were used. Initially only the land in the clearings was broken, as the trees had to be cleared by hand with an axe and the stumps pulled out with a team of horses. A type of brush cutter was used which required horse power but I do not know the success or the amount of its use. With the arrival of the caterpillar tractors, V-style cutters and brush pilers were used quite extensively, but the breaking of land continued to be done with the tractors that the settlers owned.

Progress in Equipment

The early tractors, up until about 1945, were in the 10- to 30-horsepower range, and steadily increased in horsepower up to the present time. In 1993, large four wheel drive tractors having up to 350-horsepower are in use.

The earliest tillage equipment consisted of walking plows. They were followed by horse drawn plows of up to three bottoms. The early tractors were used to pull three and four bottom plows.

Earliest cultivators and discs were also horse drawn and were six to eight foot models. Many of these were converted to being pulled by tractors when they came into use. As the horsepower of tractors increased, so did the size of the cultivators. Presently, fifty foot cultivators are common.

Seeding

To begin with, seeding was done by hand, broadcasting the seed on a small number of acres of land. When acreages increased, horse drawn drills in the ten-foot width were used. Some of these were later pulled by tractors. With the arrival of tractors, press drills became a common method of seeding. Presently press drills are used that are up to forty feet in width. Air seeders, consisting of a tank with a metering device and a fan to develop a flow of air through a tube connected to the distribution system on the cultivator, are towed in front of or behind a cultivator and are becoming quite popular for use in seeding today. One way discs up to eighteen feet in width, with seeding attachments, were also used during the sixties and early seventies. Other farm equipment such as harrows and field sprayers have increased from fifteen to twenty feet in earlier years to eighty feet in the present day. When the harrows were

horse drawn, some used harrow carts so they would not have to walk behind the harrows.

Over the years, major changes have taken place in the making of hay. The job of securing hay for the stock through the winter was an important undertaking during the early years. Permits had to be secured from the Government to cut hay on the larger hay meadows and sloughs. No hay was to be cut in sloughs before July 25th. The first one to mow a swath around the slough or meadow would hold the right to the hay until he had cut what he needed. This at times led to several parties choosing the same meadow or slough.

It happened once, that two men had chosen the same slough. At midnight July 25th, these two, unaware of each other, met as they were coming around the slough with teams and mowers. Both were surprised but not pleased at the meeting and a verbal battle and fistic encounter ensued in the eerie hours of the night. Who was the best man, and how peace terms were reached, is not known.

Haying was an easy job when the weather was sunny, but during the rainy season it became a problem. Fifty or more loads might be mowed, raked, bunched and ready for stacking and then the rain would come in torrents. A nice hay meadow would look like the "Thousand Islands". The hay cocks had to be fished out and put on land to dry, and likely as not, when it was again ready to stack, another downpour would come. Large amounts of feed were ruined in this way, and would have spelled disaster for the ranchers if hay had not been so plentiful. George Bruce tells of helping to put up five hundred loads of hay during one summer. Presently there is still some cutting of slough hay, but most of the hay that is put up now, comes from seeded grass. Whereas horse drawn mowers used in pioneer times would cut a width of five feet, the tractor drawn mowers would cut a seven foot width. The hay then had to be raked. In early days the dump rake was used for raking and for bunching the hay. The hay was then cocked by hand using a fork, or pitched onto a hay rack. Some used stackers that were powered by horse to either stack the hay in the slough or to haul loose on a hayrack, from which it was then forked onto a larger stack. Many farms had large barns with hay mows or lofts. These mows often contained a device consisting of a track, a carrier and slings to lift the hay from the rack and carry it to the hay mow where it was dumped. Horses were used to power this device, and later when tractors were used it was powered by them. These

hay mows with stacks of soft hay to jump and play in offered many hours of fun for the children.

Progress in haymaking equipment, brought about tractor mounted stackers with hay sweeps for stacking hay, side delivery rakes for winnowing the hay, balers producing small rectangular bales tied with wire or twine, as well as small round bales also wrapped with twine. Present day specialized hay equipment includes hay bines which cut, windrow, crimp, and condition the hay in one operation in widths of nine to sixteen feet, and mechanical stackers for stacking the hay. There are also large round bales that are four to six feet in diameter and weigh up to sixteen hundred pounds. Presently, automatic bale wagons or large trucks designed with hay decks to haul six to forty large round bales are used to haul the hay.

As time progressed, changes in harvesting of grain took place. The binders, now invented, cut and tied the grain into bundles. These bundles were dumped in windrows from a bundle carrier on the binder. They were then stooked by hand, a very hot and exhausting job. This was followed by an equally exhausting job of loading the bundles onto racks and hauling them to the separator where they again had to be unloaded by hand. The steam engine which powered the separator now came into use. Now, a threshing crew consisted of a large number of men, possibly six to eight men with bundle racks, a couple of field pitchers to help with loading in the field, a couple of spike pitchers to help with unloading at the machine, one or two men to haul grain, if needed, as sometimes the grain was unloaded right into the bin, a separator man, and with steam engines, a steam engineer was needed, as well as someone to haul water for the steam engine.

With the arrival of the combine, a major change took place in harvesting as the workload was greatly reduced. Two methods of harvesting with a combine were used. One was the direct cut where the grain was cut and combined in one process. The other was the windrowing of the grain for drying, later to be picked up by pickup attachments on the combine. The earliest method of windrowing the grain consisted of converting the existing grain binders to make windrows rather than bundles. Swathers later came into use to windrow the grain. Progress brought increased size of both binders and swathers. The horse drawn binder was seven feet in width, the tractor drawn binder eight to ten feet, and early swathers were nine to twelve feet in width with twelve feet being most common. There was a gradual increase in size

to fifteen and eighteen feet up until the present day (1993) with tractor drawn or self-propelled swathers now being up to twenty five feet in width. Swathing the grain has remained popular, but in recent years there has been a trend to direct cutting using headers of up to twenty five feet.

Early combines used, were mostly pull type with a power take off or engine drive and were of very small capacity. Using these you could harvest five to twenty-five acres per day and the hopper would hold fifteen to forty bushels. Some of the first self-propelled models were slightly larger in capacity. Today, self-propelled combines of a large capacity are the most popular but some large capacity P.T.O. powered pull type combines are also being used. These large hungry monsters now seen in the field have capacities to cut or pick up windrows of up to thirty feet, and hopper capacities of between two and three hundred bushels. This is more than was harvested in one day by some of the earlier machines. This amount of grain can also be unloaded into a truck in two or three minutes. In this way, approximately one hundred acres can be harvested in one day by these machines. This amounts to about five or six thousand bushels of wheat per day. The diesel engines which power these monsters range up to three hundred horsepower and consume eight to twelve gallons of fuel per hour. A notable sized fuel bill results!!!

Increase in size and capacity of harvest machines required that grain handling keep pace. Steel wheeled wagons, and later rubber tired wagons, had a capacity of sixty to one hundred bushels of grain. These were horse drawn at first and sometimes they were hooked in tandem, thus the term "wagon train". Later, trucks of the commercial variety, for example the 1945 era, held two hundred to two hundred fifty bushels. In 1993 tractor trailer units carry up to 1800 bushels of wheat. Farm trucks of the 1945 era held fifty to one hundred bushels while in 1993, farm trucks carry up to eighteen hundred bushels.

Early pioneers and early farmers used wagons and trucks that required the grain to be shovelled both on and off by hand – a tiring and back-breaking chore. What a relief when the trucks were equipped with Coutts augers to load and to unload the grain! Similarly, some early farms had paddle style elevators to fill grain bins. These were large and cumbersome. Portable grain augers as we know them today were first used in the 1940's and were six inches in diameter and eighteen to twenty four feet in length. Presently, P.T.O. driven augers

are sixteen inches in diameter and up to seventy feet in length and are capable of moving one hundred to one hundred fifty bushels of grain per minute. Thus, unloading a tandem truck of six hundred bushels, would take about four or five minutes. Tractors with seventy five to seventy eight P.T.O. horsepower are needed to operate these augers.

Harvest has certainly changed in many ways. Leif Foshaug recalls, when walking to school past Tom Rorem's farm, the modern granary he had for that time. There was a driveway through the middle of the granary with bins on each side. There was a pit in the floor of the driveway with elevator cups bringing the grain from the pit up to the bins. The most interesting part was that it was driven by horsepower. That is, a line shaft ran from the elevator out some feet from the granary with a small gear at the end of the shaft. Above this was mounted a big bull gear that was turned by a horse as he walked around and around and this drove the small gear on the line shaft, thus supplying the power to elevate the grain from the pit in the granary. Mr. Rorem also had a push binder with the horses hitched behind the binder. The steering of the binder was done by the operator. There was a shaft from the back wheel of the binder up to the platform that the operator stood on, with a paddle attached. The driver could then move this paddle with his legs and turn the binder any way he wanted. Leif also remembers a windmill Tom Rorem had, that had a line shaft so he could drive a grinder or other machines. There were a number of these power windmills in the district and they were very versatile as they could be used to pump water, as well as have power for other things as long as the wind was blowing.

Another interesting piece of harvest equipment was a small Allis Chalmers P.T.O. powered combine with a direct cut header of three foot width which was used by Martin Lawson in the late 1930's.

Grain storage has also had to keep pace with other advancements in agriculture. As noted above, the grain storage unit of Tom Rorem was very advanced for its day. Some of the earliest grain storage facilities were fairly tall and contained more than one bin. These had steps on the outside that went to the top of the bin. The grain that had been sacked had to be carried up these steps and dumped into the bin from the top, making storage very labor intensive and tiring.

However, portable bins holding 1000-1200 bushels were the common method of storage for

many years. These bins were often moved to the place where the separator was set up to thresh the grain so grain could be threshed directly into the bin. In the 1960's round steel bins, still quite small in capacity, (1200-1400 bushels) came into use. These increased in size, so now in the 1993 era, the large round steel bins used have a capacity of up to 10,000 bushels. These often include self-unloading equipment consisting of centre unloading in floor augers that are electric or hydraulic powered. These larger capacity bins led to aeration equipment which consisted of perforated floors or tubes on the floor connected to exterior fans that pushed air in and up through the grain. This has allowed for the harvesting of higher moisture content grain, thus making earlier harvesting possible. There were other earlier methods of aeration used, that consisted of screened tubes on a wood frame. Some hot air drying has also been used in recent years, using batch or continuous flow dryers.

Fertilizer was tried in the early 1930's but did not really catch on, and then again in the early 1950's it was used, but not extensively until the 1960's. At first the rates of application were quite low at 15-25 pounds per acre. This was applied using attachments mounted to the grain drills. As the use increased, methods of application changed. Additional nitrogen was broadcast and recent use of air seeders with deep banding of fertilizer has become a major method of application. Rates have increased to up to 250 pounds per acre. This was applied in the fall or the spring depending on the preference of the farmer. With increased rates of application there was a need to be more conscious of costs. Thus, soil testing was used, so only required nutrients would be applied.

There have been great changes in cropping practices of farmers. At first summer fallowing of one half or one third of the acreage was common. This changed to continuous cropping practices with rotations such as canola, wheat, barley, on a three year basis or peas, canola, wheat and barley on a four year basis. It was with these continuous cropping practices that the use of chemicals and fertilizer became very important. High nitrogen applications were necessary and chemicals like Roundup were needed to control quack grass and other weeds. Avadex was used for wild oat control in cereals and Edge and Poast for wild oat control in canola. A wide variety of broad leaf chemicals are used.

One of the greatest changes that has come in the community is the change from the small mixed

farm to a more specialized farm. In early days every farmer kept a small but good herd of dairy cows, some chickens and hogs and grew cereals. Now the more specialized farms may be a dairy farm with 40-50 dairy cows, a hog farm with 500-4000 head per year, some specializing in farrowing, others buying feeders and feeding them out to market weight. Another specialized farm is the poultry farm with 5000-20,000 birds, or a purebred beef breeder.

The small mixed farm saw the milling of grain for feed done with the use of small burr mills, some being portable and powered by single cylinder engines and used for custom operations, while others were permanently mounted in a building and powered by windmills or belt driven with a farm tractor. This changed to the use of hammer mills which were basically belt driven although some were P.T.O. driven. The next change was to portable mix mills. Roller mills were also popular with cattle feeders.

An interesting item used on early farms was electric power produced by 32 volt power plants, commonly referred to as Delcos, as this was one of the brand names of these plants. Some of the power plants were a combination of Delco power and a wind charger (wind driven generator). These units were generally used to charge a series of sixteen 2-volt clear glass jar batteries. These were used in the early years, as some of the houses built as early as 1910, were wired for this type of power.

Also of interest may be the changes in prices that have taken place over the years. According to information from the C.P.R. Land Registers at the Glenbow Archives, Calgary, Alberta, land in the late 1890's - early 1900's sold for \$3.00 per acre. Land in the 1920's cost \$10-\$12 per acre, in the 50's, \$60-\$70 per acre, in the early 70's up to \$100 and in the late 80's, \$1000 per acre. Taxes in the early thirties were \$50-\$60 per quarter. In the early fifties they were \$140-\$150 per quarter, and into the eighties taxes started to increase dramatically and as of 1992 they were \$1000-\$1100 per quarter, reflecting the increase in services and improvement in roads. Similarly, changes have taken place in the cost of equipment. A 1928 John Deere 1527 tractor commonly called a Model D would have cost about \$1000. A 1960 John Deere 4010 Diesel cost \$7000. In 1990 a John Deere 4450 would cost \$60,000, while a large four wheel drive John Deere 8760 in the same year would cost \$148,000. These tractors noted here were common sizes for each of those periods.

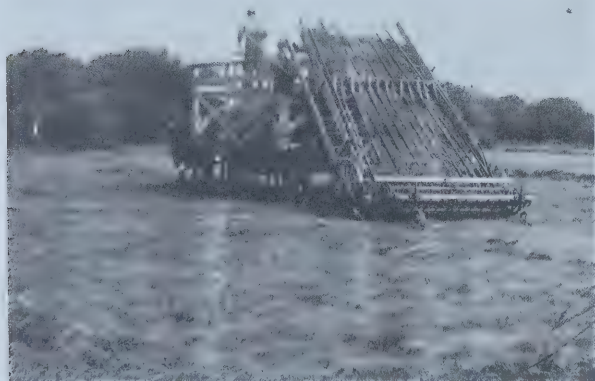
Fuel prices in the 1920's were 13 cents a gallon

for purple gas and 11 cents a gallon for distillate. In 1955-1960 purple gas sold for 21 cents a gallon and diesel fuel for 17 cents per gallon. 1993 prices are \$1.01 a gallon for diesel and \$1.40 a gallon for purple gas.

There has been some fluctuation in grain prices over the years. In 1920 wheat prices ranged from a low of 18 cents per bushel to a high of \$1.30 per bushel. At the same time, oats were 7 cents to \$1.00 per bushel. The price fluctuation was due to the open market system. In 1960, under the Canadian Wheat Board, wheat was \$1.25 per bushel, oats were 45 cents per bushel, barley was 64 cents per bushel, and canola was at \$1.50-\$2.00 per bushel. In 1992 wheat was \$2.65 a bushel, oats were \$1.25 a bushel, barley was \$1.75 a bushel, and canola was \$6.50 a bushel. Grain yields were, wheat at 40 bushels per acre in 1920 and oats at 80 bushels per acre with no fertilizers. In 1960 wheat yielded 30 bushels per acre, oats 60 bushels per acre, barley 30 bushels per acre, and canola 15 bushels per acre. Some fertilizer was used during this time. In 1992 wheat yielded 45 bushels per acre, oats 85 bushels per acre, barley 70 bushels per acre, and canola 25 bushels per acre. A fair amount of fertilizer was used to produce these yields. A note of interest is that in early years a good crop of oats and a good price would pay for a quarter section of land in one year, and this would not even be close to a reality at the present time.

Land rental in the early years was mostly crop share on a 1/3-2/3 basis. In the 1980's cash rent became common. Rental values were up to \$50 per acre. However, this dropped back to \$20 or \$30 per acre by 1990.

Note: Excerpts have been used from "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta" in this article.



Andersons stacking hay on the old farm. Bennie driving the oxen.



Horse-drawn mower.



Loading hay on the fork of the "bucking pole", 1920.



Horse rake and hay rack.



Hauling hay at Finseth's in 1945.



Storing hay in the barn loft with the use of a hay fork at the Thomson farm, 1930's.



Stacks of square bales.



Stacking hay with the farmhand.



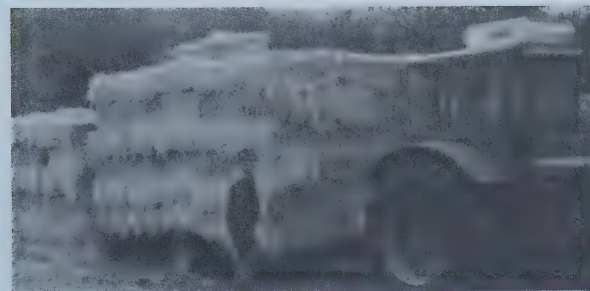
Hauling hay bales – October, 1989. Glenn and David Francis.



Large, round baler, 1993.



Barry Rude's silage maker, 1990.



Stacking square bales.



Flock of chickens in 1947. M.B. Ness and grand-daughter, Patricia.



Greg Litwin's turkey flock in 1993.



J.E. (Joe) Stauffer brushing on N1/2 of J.R. Stauffer home place.



LeRoy Finseth – breaking in 1947 and 1948.



Glenn Francis brushing.



LeRoy Finseth piling brush in 1946 on NE 35-49-19-W4.



Sawing wood.



Sawing wood at Chris Rude's. LeRoy Finseth, Clarence Rude, Chris Rude, Emil Rude, Ingolf Brekkan, Monrad Finseth, Olaf Anderson.



Clarence and Emil Rude breaking with oxen.



LeRoy Finseth breaking land in 1947 on NE 35-49-19-W4.



Peter Bjornson and Iris, harrowing, 1937-38.



C.J. Rude and granddaughter Iris, ploughing the garden with a one-bottom plough.



Horse-drawn cultivator.



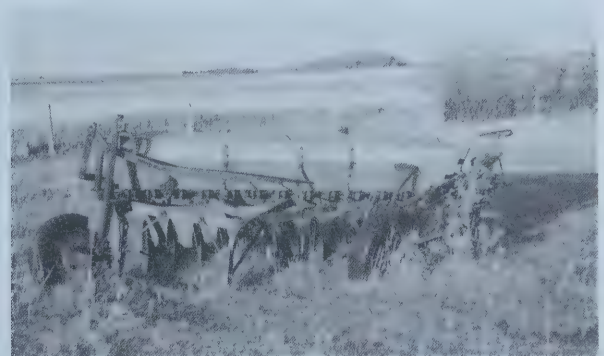
Ploughing the land.



Modern tandem disk.



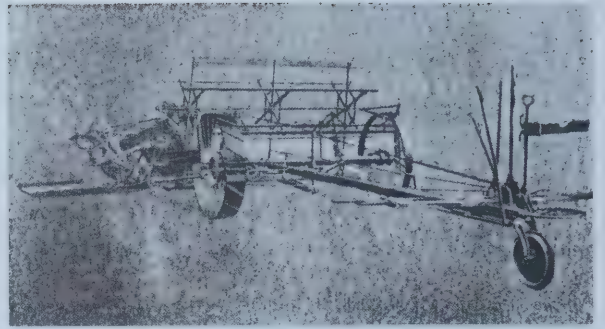
David Yoder – Plowing, 1920.



One-way disk with seeder box, approximately late 1940's or early 1950's.



LeRoy with the new drill, 1945.



Push-binder. Ingmar Olson bought a push-binder from Sam Stauffer in 1928-1930. Tom Rorem used it in Bardo. The horses were hitched behind the header table facing the binder, thereby pushing the machine in front of them.



Modern tractor and air seeder.



Lester Severson driving the tractor from the binder, 1944.



Cutting the grain with a double team and binder, and stooking the bundles.



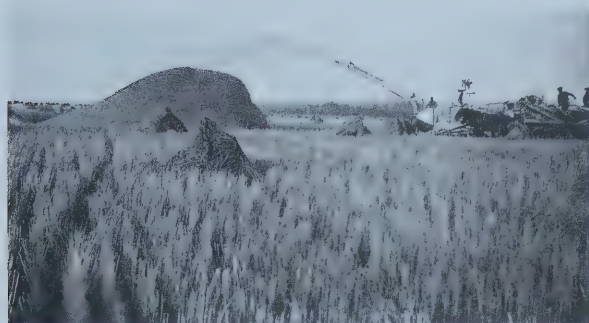
Self-propelled swather with pick-up reel, 1990. Lyle Heiberg.



Steam engine and threshing machine pulling a bunk house.



Two pull-type combines, grain hauled by team in grain wagons.



Threshing in the 1930's.



Self-propelled combine.



Straight combining.



Old-style paddle grain elevator.



Combining, 1993.



Grain elevator. The forerunner of the grain auger.



Augering grain in 1993.



Note the wooden wheel extensions for use in the mud.



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Agreement for purchase of one L.F. Disk Harrow and one #6 Tractor Plow (3-furrow). Cost was \$160.00. Purchased by C.M. Rude.



Windmill and pump.



Grinding feed with a mix mill – January, 1990.



Tractor and loader.

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No...
Form 79% 12-20-12 2M.

The Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company Agreement for purchase of threshing machine – September 22, 1923. Cost was \$818.00. Signed by C.M. Finseth, B.M. Finseth, Emil Rude, C.M. Rude.



Ditch for the water line at Finseth's – July, 1972.

Bardo Station and Railroad

by Leif Foshaug

In the year 1909 the Grand Trunk Pacific built a railroad through Tofield and on to Edmonton. In 1910 a branch line was built from Tofield south to Calgary. The first station on this line, south of Tofield, was named Bardo, as this was on the west boundary of the Bardo district.

This station was a modern one, with an agent's ticket wicket, a waiting room complete with benches and a large pot bellied coal stove to keep the station warm. There were also living quarters for the station agent and for the section crew. As far as was known, there never was a station agent at Bardo but the section foreman and some of the section workers lived there and kept the place in

order. They also kept the fire burning in the stove during the cold weather. Coal was brought in by rail cars and people could come and buy coal. There was a stockyard with several pens for cattle and hogs. Thus livestock buyers would come out to the farms and purchase livestock from the farmers and then have them hauled or herded to the stockyard at Bardo where they were loaded onto railway stock cars and shipped by rail to wherever there was a market for them. A loading platform was also built alongside of the railroad track so that freight could be loaded onto or off of the railroad cars. Farmers or track buyers could order a grain car and load it from the loading platform as well. The grain was loaded onto the cars using a scoop shovel as there were no grain augers in these early days.

There was passenger train service daily so people could take the train in the morning to go to Edmonton and shop, or whatever they needed to do, and they could be back the same evening.



Alberta Wheat Pool, Bardo.

It was also possible to board the train at Bardo in the evening to travel to Camrose or other points south, such as Calgary.

When the roads improved and the people bought cars, the passenger service on the trains decreased so the train service was cut back to one passenger train a week. This was on Fridays only. Later a coach was put on as part of the freight train but that too was soon discontinued as the passenger service was no longer needed. The freight trains, however, continued to run through Bardo as various elevators were in operation and the rail was the best way of moving the grain from these elevators.

As a result of this lack of use, the station, loading platform and stockyards were dismantled and all that remained was the railroad track and the grain elevator. Later the railroad track was also taken out.

The Bardo Elevator

by Leif Foshaug

When the Grand Trunk Pacific built a branch line south from Tofield and the farmers cleared more land, the farms got larger, there was more grain grown and as a result there was a need for a grain elevator. The grain, at the time, was all hauled with horses and wagon or sleigh so the elevators were built about ten miles apart.

Early in 1920 or 1921 the Pioneer Grain Company built a forty thousand bushel capacity grain elevator at Bardo. The first known grain buyer was Joe Olstad, followed by Albert Haukedal. The elevators, at that time, did not have an air or an electric hoist to lift the load up, so the grain would run out of the wagon box. This was done by a wheel with a crank on it and chain and sprockets to both raise and lower the wagon. All this was done by the elevator agent which made a lot of hard work if there were many loads of grain taken in on one day. The power supply was a ten to fifteen horse power, one cylinder engine referred to as a one lunger. The first such engines were started by using a shell, something like a shotgun shell but not loaded with shot. This was inserted into a chamber in front of the piston. The shell was set off by using a hammer. Later on, these engines were started by filling gas into the piston chamber through a priming cup, putting your foot in one of the spokes of the flywheel, and pulling the wheel over by hand. The cooling system for these engines was a big tank holding several hundred gallons of water. Even then, the water would be fairly hot after a day of steady running.

This kept the engine room and the office nice and warm through the night. Some years later, Calgary Power installed a power line to the elevator so light could be used. As this was only single phase power, electric motors could not be used to drive the elevating head because three phase power was needed to run motors large enough for the job.



Bardo Elevator. Taken after the elevator was closed.

In 1929 the Alberta Wheat Pool bought the Bardo Elevator from the Pioneer Grain Company. In 1940, a thirty five thousand bushel balloon annex was built on the south side of the elevator. This annex could be filled from the elevator, but it had to be emptied using grain augers and trucks and then hauled into the elevator, weighed and elevated into bins in the elevator.

In the nineteen sixties, a four-cylinder continental engine replaced the one lunger and this engine could be started and stopped from inside the elevator from a control panel alongside the scale.

The loads of grain were weighed on a platform



Alberta Wheat Pool, Bardo, 1963.

beam scale and emptied into a pit under the scale. The grain was then elevated into bins in the elevator. There was also a hopper bin set on another beam scale on the working floor of the elevator so the grain could be weighed and recorded before loading it onto the railroad boxcars.

At first, moisture testing of grain was done by means of a cooker. A certain amount of grain was poured into a special oil. This was heated to a specific degree, which caused the moisture in the grain to steam off into a glass tube with markings on it which indicated the amount of moisture that was in the grain. This process took about 35 minutes to test one sample of grain. Now all the testing is done in about one minute using an electric tester. However, the cooker was still used during the nineteen sixties to check the accuracy of the electric testers.

The Bardo elevator was emptied and closed on July 31, 1971. In 1972, the elevator was sold to the Bardo Elevator Co-op, which was comprised of a few local farmers. The elevator is still there only

as a land mark, as it no longer is being used. Thus ends another era of the past.

This is a list of the names of the agents that bought grain at Bardo after the Wheat Pool took over the Pioneer Grain on May 19, 1929:

A.M. Haukedal	September 18, 1929 – May 7, 1930
Closed	May 7, 1930 – August 12, 1930
W. Mund	August 12, 1930 – August 17, 1932
A.R. Thompson	August 17, 1932 – April 6, 1937
P.O. Lerbekmo	April 6, 1937 – June 4, 1946
M. Solberg	June 4, 1946 – July 4, 1946
R.A. Findlay	July 17, 1946 – July 15, 1947
M. Korbie	July 15, 1947 – May 5, 1949
A.R. Thompson	May 5, 1949 – May 16, 1949
E.A. Holte	May 16, 1949 – July 31, 1950
C.J. Parker	July 31, 1950 – February 2, 1953
L.R. Booth	February 2, 1953 – May 3, 1954
E.O. Knudslie	May 3, 1954 – April 30, 1956
D.R. Condon	April 30, 1956 – July 24, 1956
G. Cordingley	July 24, 1956 – August 1, 1959
L.A. Foshaug	August 1, 1959 – April 3, 1969
A.E. Dibben	April 3, 1969 – October 20, 1969
Jim Weir	Part time October 20, 1969 – July 31, 1971

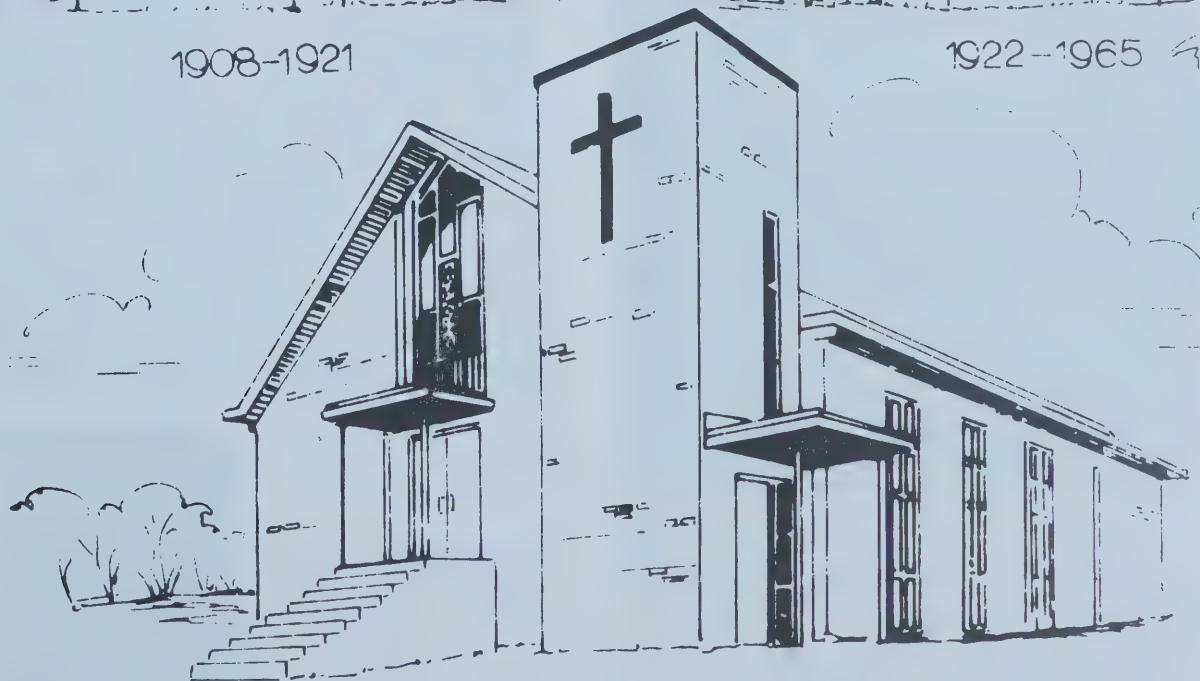
Elevator emptied and closed July 31, 1971.

Churches



1908-1921

1922-1965



Bardo Lutheran Church. Three churches, 1967.

Amisk Creek Lutheran Church

by Edith Patterson

When the Scandinavian pioneers settled in Amisk Creek to start a new home, one of the things they longed for was their own place of worship. With this in mind, Amisk Creek Ladies' Aid was born in 1903.

In 1914, their hopes were realized, and it was decided to go ahead with the building of a church. Pederson Brothers of Round Hill were awarded the contract. With what the Ladies' Aid had gathered, donations from other people and subscriptions from the Congregation, they had \$1075.00. Mr. Alfred Patterson donated a plot of ground for the building site and cemetery. The church was completed in the fall of 1914 and was incorporated on December 31, 1914 under the name of "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of Amisk Creek".

The basement was built in 1928, a kitchen added in 1938 and electricity was installed in 1954.



Amisk Creek Church, 1975. Note the gate to the Cemetery.

Luther League was active from 1933 to 1944 and then they joined the Ryley League.

Sunday School was active for a number of years before the children were then taken to Ryley.

The Ladies' Aid, with several name changes, was active until 1964. Due to the falling membership, the church was closed in December 1964, but not before the Fiftieth Anniversary was observed.

Pastors who served Amisk Creek were: Rev. Jothan, Rev. Hoverstein, Rev. Blomlie, Rev. Wessel, Rev. Vinge, Rev. Ostrem, Rev. Johnson, Rev. Aalen and Rev. Steiestol.

Bardo Lutheran Church

by Mary Finseth

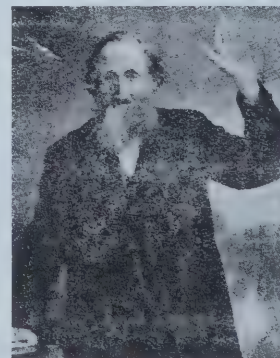
The settling of the Bardo community in Central Alberta, Canada began in 1894, but the location had been investigated the previous year.

Most of the original Norse settlers of this community came from Crookston, Minnesota, or nearby. Several families had immigrated from Norway to the Red River Valley as early as 1876, but a great number of the later settlers of Bardo came directly from Norway. Reasons for settling in Central Alberta were many and varied, but the most important was the available free land, of good quality and enough of it for a colony.

These pioneers had a vision too for their spiritual welfare and were concerned not only about the homes to shelter their families, but about a church home for worship as was their custom.

In May 1894, the first pioneers settled in the area, which is still known as Bardo District. The first settlers to arrive were the Jevning, Finseth, Anderson and Lerbekmo families who immigrated to the Bardo area from Crookston, Minnesota. The community grew over the next few years as family after family came from Norway and settled to pioneer in the Bardo district. The Reverend Bersvend Anderson also arrived in 1894 to be the pastor in this new community. He was the young age of 73 when he arrived. His love for his Lord gave him the vigor which he needed to carry on this pastorate which covered so many miles. His mode of travel was walking, or buggy in summer and his canvas covered sled in winter, which were pulled by his faithful old horse, Sam.

The first worship was conducted November 3, 1894. During the first winter, the services were held in homes and on May 23, 1895, the first congregational meeting was held. All those present, who wished to become members, signed as charter members, forming the Norden Lutheran Church. These members were: Bersvend Anderson,



Reverend Bersvend Anderson, the first pastor in Bardo.



First log house (Andersons) where the first Lutheran service was held in 1894. Mrs. P.B. Anderson, Magda, Emma.

Peter B. Anderson and family, Martin Finseth and family, Nels Mosland, George Bruass, Nels Jevning and family, Simon P. Simonson and family, Peter Aas, Johan Jevning, Lars Johnson and family, Tollef Carlson and family, Peder Jevning, Peder S. Moen and family, Halvor Haugen and family, Olaf M. Jevning and family, and Johannes Johnson and family. From this group, Martin Finseth was elected as the first chairman (grandfather of LeRoy Finseth), and P.B. Anderson was the first secretary (grandfather of Phillip Anderson).

The first school was built in 1898 and was located diagonally across the road from the present Bardo Cemetery. The school then became the regular place of worship, but it wasn't many years before the people felt a longing to have a church in which to gather.

The site of the church was donated by Asbjorn Moen. The men cut the logs in the timber west of Tofield and had them sawed at a mill there. The finishing lumber was hauled from Camrose. The Ladies Aid donated the greater part of the funds. The building was mostly done by local volunteer help. The Thimble Club (the young girls' sewing circle) raised the money for an organ. The Reverend Bersvend Anderson made the first altar. The church was dedicated August 6, 1908. At the annual meeting in the fall of 1908, the name Norden was changed to Bardo. The Reverend T.T. Carlson had assumed the duties of the aged Bersvend Anderson.

The Sunday School is almost as old as the congregation. It has been, and still is, one of the most important parts of the congregation. Sunday School was never intended to be the main center of the Christian training and education of our children, but it has always been an excellent supplement to Christian home education and training.

On June 7, 1921, the church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. No fire insurance was carried on the building. The fire was discovered by neighbors, alerted in time for them to chop through the wall of the building and remove the organ, seats, and fixtures. Only the chimney remained standing amid the charred ruins.



Bardo Lutheran Church, built in 1908, burned in 1921 after being struck by lightning.



First Bardo Church burning, 1921.

Once again the worship services were held in the school. The thoughts of a new church began to grow. At the annual meeting on December 29, 1921, the plans for a new church began to materialize and by spring the building fund had grown to \$2500.00 from donations by members and with the help of the Ladies Aid. Again, with

volunteer labor and some contracted work, the church was completed enough so that the first worship service was held on September 3, 1922. The pastor, Reverend O.K. Blomelie, built the altar, pulpit and baptismal font and painted the altar picture, "Christ Knocking at the Door". The church was dedicated in 1926 and the work of the congregation continued. The parish, at this time, consisted of six congregations: Bardo, Ryley, Holden, Amisk Creek, Round Hill and Kingman.



Bardo Church, 1965 (in the country).



Front of Bardo Lutheran Church in the country, 1962.

In 1951 the decision was made to divide the parish. Ryley, Holden and Amisk Creek became the Ryley Parish and Bardo, Round Hill and Kingman became the Kingman Parish. Pastor Henry Haugen was the first pastor in the Kingman Parish.

Bardo congregation rejoices for its sons and daughters who are in the Lutheran ministry. Missionary Palmer Anderson (deceased) and his wife, Adelia (Rorem) were missionaries in the China field. Gordon Henrikson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henrikson, was ordained into the ministry too. He is now retired.



Picture taken the morning after lightning struck second church – August 27, 1965.

On August 27, 1965, the congregation was again faced with sudden disaster. Once more, in a violent storm, the church was struck by lightning which resulted in the church being burned to the ground. Only the chimney stood amidst a mass of rubble. Residents, who became aware of the fire, rushed to the scene and were able to save the pews, electric organ, altar painting and some of the other furnishings. A bell, which had been erected in 1924, again crashed and received some bad cracks but was not demolished. In 1989, the bell was incorporated into a cairn that was erected on secondary highway 834, close to the original site of the first two churches. Dan Simonson, the only living charter member of the Bardo congregation, was present at the unveiling of this cairn.

The pews and furnishings, that were rescued, were set up in the Bardo Community Centre, which had been Anderson School until 1959. This now became the worship centre until November 1967.

The congregation was faced with a big decision during the period after the second church burned. The question was, "Where should we build?" It was never "if" but "where"? There was only one source in which to look for direction. It was God's will and direction that was sought.

On September 14, 1966, at a meeting of the congregation, a vote was taken and a clear majority voted in favor of rebuilding in the town of Tofield. God was leading into a greater outreach in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Bardo Church ground-breaking at new site in Tofield on May 28, 1967. Andy Heiberg turning sod.

On May 28, 1967, the Congregation stood on the new site in Tofield and the ground-breaking ceremonies were held. On June 12, 1967, the excavation for the basement began. With willingness and a united effort, many members and friends gave much of their time, together with a hired foreman, and the church began to take shape. The size of the new church was 72 by 34 feet, with a full basement. Total cost of the church was \$40,700.00. The fire insurance, on the church that burned, amounted to \$20,000.00, and helped pay part of the cost of the new building. Many generous gifts were also received, so a loan of \$6,000.00 was all that was needed in order to finish the building. This church was dedicated on November 19, 1967 with Dr. S.T. Jacobson officiating.

At the annual meeting held January 7, 1977, a motion was passed that Bardo recommend to the Parish Council, composed of Kingman, Round Hill and Bardo, that Bardo construct a house in Tofield to be used as a parsonage. This recommendation was approved by the Parish Council. The old parsonage in Kingman was sold and the money divided among the three congregations. It was decided to buy a Nelson Home package and Peter Bjornson consented to be the foreman for the construction. The total cost of this house was \$30,093.00. Reverend L.O. Sogge and family were the first occupants. Volunteer labor was again used, to a large extent, in the building of the parsonage.

The vision of the needs of the area continued to increase, creating an awareness of the necessity of more pastoral help. There seemed to be two alternatives; an assistant pastor could be hired or the parish could be divided and Bardo become a



Bardo Church Building Committee, 1967. Phillip Anderson, Glen Reil, Andy Heiberg (Chairman), Olav Stokkan (Hired Carpenter), Sam Cinnamon (Treasurer), Lester Severson, Evelyn Foshaug, LeRoy Finseth, Mary Finseth (Secretary).



New church in Tofield, under construction, 1967.

one-point parish. After much thought and prayer, the step was taken and in 1981, Bardo became a one-point parish and Kingman and Round Hill became a two-point parish.

The boundaries of mission widened. The vision of God's field grows even greater and God's commission, "Go and make disciples" rings very loud and clear. That commission is still ours today. Pastor Kevin Langager is the present pastor. The Bardo congregation is looking forward to the 100th anniversary in 1995.

We are thankful to God for those faithful members who were the pioneers of this congregation and to all the members who have served so faithfully down through the years and

still continue today. We know that God's kingdom is still growing because of the foundation built on the Rock, Jesus Christ. In Psalm 127:1 we read, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders' labor in vain."

May God help us to go forward with greater zeal. May our ears be always hearing His words of Commission - "Go into all the world and make disciples", and His promise follows, "I will be with you always."

Pastors

Bersvend Anderson, the first pastor, was born December 7, 1821 in Bardu, Norway. His mother died at his birth and it seemed certain that he would shortly follow her. At her funeral, the burial was delayed for several hours as they waited and watched over the fluttering little life. But the frail thread of life did not break, and Bersvend Anderson was permitted to live long beyond the allotted "three score and ten years". No more fitting tribute could be paid Bersvend Anderson than this - wherever he was known, he is still remembered with gratitude and love. He was a man, small of stature and small in his own estimation. From the time of his youth, when he began to preach the gospel in Norway, through the eighteen years of his tireless missionary activity in the States, and until after his ninetieth birthday, when he was still preaching in Canada, his greatest desire was to further the cause of Christ and serve his fellowman.

He was extremely active. To reach the people spread over a wide area, he walked endless miles, using skis, and later his faithful horse, Sam. He took his share of physical labor, even in his old age. He spent a great deal of time in reading and writing, and because he had missed an education himself, he urged it for others.

Bersvend was a man of prayer. His prayers were definite, fervent and filled with praise. He lived

in the community up to the time of his death on June 14, 1917 in his 96th year.

Bersvend Anderson	1894-1902	G. Ostrem	1944-1948
A.E. Hanson	1902-1904	S.R. Johnson	1948-1951
Bersvend Anderson	1904-1906	O.H. Haugen	1951-1960
T.T. Carlson	1906-1909	S. Bue	1961-1964
A. Hjortaaas	1909-1911	G. Ostrem	1965-1966
C.L. Jothén	1911-1915	A. Dahlen	1966-1967
C. Hoverstein	1916-1923	O. Lokken	1968-1977
O.K. Blomlie	1923-1926	L.S. Sogge	1977-1982
N. Bjelde	1926-1936	E. Olsen*	1982
C. Hoverstein	1936-1939	A. Nelson*	1983
A.M. Vinge	1939-1943	K. Langager	1983-

*Interim Pastor

The Methodist Congregation

by Evelyn Staufer

In the early days, there were no organized Methodist and Presbyterian Congregations. The people met in homes and schools. These people, who had a need for worship, came from miles around to receive spiritual strength. As there were no permanent ministers, ministers or student ministers would ride horse back from as far away as Vegreville and Wetaskiwin to minister to the people. These services were held in Grand Forks, Round Hill and Farmington school and homes. In the area south of Tofield, some of the homes they met in were Lewis, Parker, Campbell, Currie, Bailey, Sutton and others. In the Ketchamoot area, they gathered at the Owen, the Mitchel, the Sears, and the Whillans homes and possibly others. As the demand grew, people travelled to Tofield, where a minister was located.

As early as 1868, a Methodist Missionary by the name of Rev. George McDougall visited the Tofield area to minister to the Indians. By 1895 the area was sufficiently settled to require two ministers. A Mr. Whiteside was the Methodist



Pastor Bersvend Anderson and his winter transportation.



Church Service, 1906, at the first Grand Forks School. Minister, Rev. Gordon.

student, while a Mr. Henry Sterling was a Presbyterian student.

The Methodists and Presbyterians alternated services in the Tofield Log School house, one half mile north of the present school. In 1904 the Presbyterians built a church and the Methodists took over the log school house for their own. In 1908 or 1909 the log school house was moved to the present site of the United Church.

The Methodist Ministers of this period were: Rev. Whiteside, Rev. Finlay (1901), who served from Vegreville, Rev. Longley (1902), Rev. Cox (1903), Rev. Shaw (1905), Rev. Tough (1905-1906), Rev. Laidman (1906-1908), Rev. H. Munton (1908-1910), Rev. Nickolsin (1910-1912), Rev. Wiggins (1912-1916), Rev. Bowen (1916-1918), Rev. Simpson (1918-1921), and Rev. Barnes (1921-1922).

The Presbyterian Ministers were Rev. Little (1901), Rev. Rothnay (1902), Rev. Pow (1903), Mr. Thornaloc, Rev. Cameron, Rev. Robinson, Rev. Robert Whillans, Mr. Beet, Rev. Bradley (1906-1908), Rev. Stuart (1913-1918), Rev. Gold (1918-1921), Rev. Firth (1918-1921), and Rev. Watt (1921-1922).



Ladies' Aid (Methodist) before 1919, Bardo, Alberta. Back Row: Ada Hills, Ada Parker, Grandma Lewis, Edith Lewis, Grandma Hills. Front Row: Mrs. Hall, Grace Lewis.

In 1925 the Methodist and Presbyterian churches united to form the United Church of Canada. They held services in the present Masonic Hall until 1955 when the present church was built.

Editor's Note – The Robert Whillans family, together with others, attended the Bardo Methodist services held at the Anderson School in the very early days. (Information – Roy Whillans and The Tofield Book).

History of the Salem Mennonite Church

by Edna Wideman

After real estate agents, Tom and O.C. Blackburn in Nebraska, became interested in the Canadian Northwest, they invited some members of the Seward County Amish Mennonites in their area to inspect the land for possible settlement in 1907. It seemed favorable. So in 1908 Daniel Bender, with his family, settled in the Camrose area but left again. The Chris Sutter family came and were tenants of Tom Blackburn's on the land later occupied by the V.L. Roth family.

In the spring of 1910, the V.L. Roth, John L. Stauffer and Peter Reil families arrived, together with D.E. Maurer. It is from this event that the active history of the Salem congregation begins. It is interesting to note that John Stauffer's daughter, Barbara, and Jake Yoder were the first couple of this group of settlers to be married in Alberta on October 27, 1910, possibly at the bride's home.

Later in the same year, others followed; namely the N.E. Roth and Ben Lauber families from Nebraska, Simon Stalters from Illinois and Jacob Schwartzendruber from Iowa. Here again there was a first, when Simon's wife had a baby girl named Lily, born on May 24, 1911. Lily became Mrs. Loyal Kauffman.

Since N.E. Roth was a Bishop, a congregation was organized and the name Salem chosen. Both Sunday School and church services were held in the Grand Forks and Solberg school houses until a church house was built in 1911. Bishop Roth performed the first wedding ceremony in this place of worship when Elmer Maurer and Anna Stauffer were married on October 20, 1912. Bishop Roth served for a term of nearly 29 years, until his death on January 14, 1939.

Benjamin Stauffers, David L. Yoders and Will Stutzmans came in March 1911, and Milo Stutzmans in August. Milo served as teacher, deacon and then was ordained as a minister on November 29, 1914. Except for a four year leave of absence to attend Hesston College, he served faithfully and efficiently until his death on June 13, 1985 at the age of 99.

Settlers came from Iowa in 1912. They were Levi Yoders, Joseph Kauffmans and Henry Yoders. Joe Kauffman was ordained as deacon in 1915. He was nearing the age of 96 years at the time of his death in 1968. Meanwhile, John Wideman was ordained as deacon on July 30, 1944 and served until January 1979 when a change in structure was

made and a Board of eight members was elected to take up the responsibility.

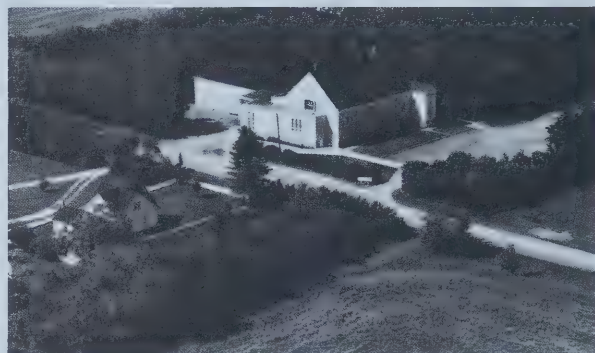
In the spring of 1913, the Jacob Brenneman family came with his father-in-law, the Joseph R. Stauffer family, who played a vital part in the project initially. Joseph R. bought the Ronning home one-half mile south of Anderson School (Bardo) and lived there until his death on December 10, 1918, except for the last few months that he spent at his daughter, Fannie Voegtlin's home. Fannie had married Joseph Voegtlin, who had come from Iowa in 1915.

The Moses Burkholder family came from Oregon around 1913, Sam Stauffers in 1915 from Nebraska and Aaron Kings from Missouri in 1918. About this same time, there began an en masse movement from the Mayton Mennonite Church east of Olds, Alberta; including the Wideman families of Abe Sr., Abe Jr., Ed, Ivy and Will. Also coming at this time were the John Lehmans, Milton Sitlers, and William Boettgers. John K. Lehman, being a minister, served at Salem until his death in 1933.

The original church building was built on a plot donated by the owner, Mr. George Salladin, a banker in Milford, Nebraska. This church was dedicated on April 9, 1911. Four years later, it was extended on the east end with a full basement added. Again 11 years later, it proved to be too small for the increasing congregation. This time it was spread apart in the middle with a balcony added. By July 4, 1926, it was ready for dedication on a Sunday afternoon. Twenty-seven years later, a completely new building was erected and dedicated August 22, 1954. Finally, in 1980 a larger foyer, a fellowship hall and kitchen, and indoor plumbing were major additions.



The Salem Mennonite Church. Left: Old building. Right: New building, built in 1953-54.



The Salem Mennonite Church and Fellowship Hall. The church was built in 1953-54 and the fellowship hall was added in 1980. The cemetery is in the background. Note: The little house attached to the big house is part of the original house on the Johannes Johnson Sr. homestead across the road from the church. The farm was later owned by Johnson's son, Simon Haakstad Sr.

Through the years other pastors have served. Bishops John B. Stauffer and Harold Boettger, Paul Voegtlin, until his call to Edson, Alberta, Carl Hansen, and at the present, Levi Smoker.

Schools



Original Norden (Anderson School District #434) School in Bardo.

(by Iris Francis)

In the early days, the Department of Education was located in Regina, North West Territories. In order to have a school district formed, it was necessary to forward information for the proposed location and name, as well as how it would be financed. The site had to be in the center of the proposed school district, hence the location of the Anderson School with five miles north and south and four miles east and west being agreed upon.

The Grand Forks School was first located on

the C.J. Rude homestead (1904-1940) which was central to that district. The location was changed to the land 'kitty-corner' from the original spot when a new school was built in 1941. The Ingram school was located just four miles north of the Anderson School, on the same road. Amisk Creek and Solberg schools were north-east and south-east of Anderson school respectively. Farmington (originally Willow Flat) and Ketchamoot schools were located south-west and north-west of the Anderson school, while Grand Forks was south

four miles on the same road as Anderson school. Generally four miles between school districts was considered acceptable.

Out of the seven school districts researched it was discovered that Anderson, Grand Forks, and Solberg became Community Centres upon the closing of those schools. The Bardo Recreation Association was formed, and used the Anderson school as their Community Centre. A Community Centre had been formed in the Solberg district, but in 1958, they joined forces with the Grand Forks area and formed the Grand Forks Community Centre using the Grand Forks school building. This building was sold to Afton Olson in the late 1970's. It was torn down and hauled away a sad ending to a wonderful school building.

Schools were used for many purposes besides that of education. They were used as meeting places, and as the centre of the social life of the communities. Many denominations used the schools for worship services, and Sunday School classes. They were also used for box or pie socials and picnics.

Transportation was not a matter of getting on a school bus at the gate. Most walked, some rode horseback, or came by horse-drawn buggies in the summer, and sleighs or stoneboats in the winter. In later years, bicycles became popular before the era of school busses.

School grounds had several buildings. A barn was necessary to shelter the horses in cold weather, coalbins were for storing coal, wood-piles were always there and outdoor facilities were a necessity as in-door plumbing was unheard of in rural areas.

Materials were scarce in the early days. Slates and slate pencils were used in place of paper and there was a minimum amount of text books. Spelling and Geography 'Bees' were a popular and a good way of learning.

A large heater, usually located at the back of the one-room school was replaced by the Waterman-Waterbury furnace, or one like it, in later years. Wood and coal were used. Buildings, in the early days, were not insulated, therefore cold in winter and hot in summer, although the windows could be opened to let in the spring breeze.

Winter days, the classes were often held as close to the heater or hot air register (in later years) as possible. The lunch cupboards were often situated where the lunch would be the hottest thing during the winter months.

Clothing was worn for warmth, not beauty in those days. Forty-fifty degrees below Fahrenheit

necessitated long underwear, heavy stockings, wool sweaters, scarves and mittens, and not only for the boys!

It was considered a privilege to attend school. Most settlers came from foreign countries and needed to learn English in order to communicate with their neighbors. Everyone wanted to be CANADIAN!

Up to 1937, grade eight was the final year in Public School, however, grade nine was added to the curriculum in 1937. Teachers boarded with families in the districts. Eventually, 'Teacherages' were built on the school grounds which made it handier for the teacher. Teachers were often called upon to act as janitors either alone or with an older student to help. Often water had to be hauled to the school. Sometimes pupils were hired to do the janitor work for a very small sum. The school was generally cleaned thoroughly at Christmas, Easter, and summer holidays by the local ladies or older school girls.

School was not all work though, as time was well spent practicing for Christmas and spring concerts, music festivals and later, the track meet held in central locations. School parties were held on special occasions such as Valentine's Day. Every child received a bag of candy, and an apple or orange was handed out to all after the Christmas Concert.

Schools served as a Health Clinic as well. A doctor and nurse would travel from school to school giving the inoculations and vaccinations as well as checking the ears, eyes and throats. The Tofield Hotel was used for a temporary hospital while tonsils were removed. The child was brought in on the day to have the tonsils removed, and after a while, on the same day, he or she would be sent home to recuperate. A mobile X-ray unit was obtained by the Holden Health Unit in the fall of 1944. This made it possible for the rural residents to take advantage of chest X-rays in Tofield, or the nearest town. A Home-nursing course was offered, as well as St. John Ambulance courses. These opportunities were taken advantage of by many.

School organized the Red Cross in their classrooms and regular meetings were held once a month. This was started during World War II.

A travelling library was a boost to those who wished to read more than where their school library contained. New and interesting reading material would arrive in a large wooden box. A few weeks later it was sent on to the next school and a new box of books would arrive. Later, a film

projector and films would make the rounds as well. The change in routine was educational and enjoyed by all.

A Statement regarding the forming of rural public school districts was formed by the Department of Education, in Edmonton, October 26, 1937.

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 231 of the School Act, I do order:

(1) That the following rural public school districts, namely:

McKenzie School District No. 234
Ingram School District No. 376
Anderson School District No. 434
Grand Forks School District No. 737
Amisk Creek School District No. 799
Longridge School District No. 837
Adams School District No. 890
Solberg School District No. 926
Lake Shore School District No. 937
Meldal School District No. 978
Salt Lake School District No. 979
Vermilion Valley School District No. 1087
Thule School District No. 1126
Lake Thomas School District No. 1166
Palmer School District No. 1204
Prague School District No. 1363
Talbot School District No. 1415
Shaw School District No. 1416
Cloverlodge School District No. 1429
Likeness School District No. 1449
Ketchamoot School District No. 1465
Lornedale School District No. 1496
Fairview School District No. 1517
Gladstone School District No. 1535
Mayflower School District No. 1560
Willow School District No. 1583
Bruce School District No. 1589
Iron Creek School District No. 1591
Woodside School District No. 1583
Cromer School District No. 1684
Lakeford School District No. 1688
Togo School District No. 1692
Rich School District No. 1785
Ribstone Hill School District No. 1810
Nestor School District No. 1821
Lindbrook School District No. 1835
Standard School District No. 1853
Jubilee School District No. 1885
Lake Alice School District No. 1886
Polska School District No. 1948
Polar Hill School District No. 1946
Woodlawn School District No. 1964
Rosegarland School District No. 2009

Colbourg School District No. 2023
Badger School District No. 2026
Scona School District No. 2086
Myrosław School District No. 2106
Unity School District No. 2137
Woodville School District No. 2158
Glenora School District No. 2314
Quintel School District No. 2373
Phillips School District No. 2380
Haydon School District No. 2515
Sandstorm School District No. 2789
Alice Hill School District No. 2866
Bathgate School District No. 2955
Rutherglen School District No. 3108
Kinsella School District No. 3190
Poe School District No. 3239
Holmdene School District No. 3243
Mooresville School District No. 3357
Overleigh School District No. 3414
Glenlea School District No. 3469
Crocus Hill School District No. 3547
Weslake School District No. 3593
Diamond Willow School District No. 3625
West Bruce School District No. 3630
East Bruce School District No. 3691
Lake Vernon School District No. 3709
Woodham School District No. 3746
Radio School District No. 4202
Maple Lodge School District No. 4211
Marconi School District No. 2454
Ustia School District No. 4410
Reward School District No. 4447
Spilstead School District No. 4709
shall be and are hereby constituted a school division.

(2) That the said school division shall be and the same is hereby divided into the following subdivisions: Subdivision 1, Subdivision 2, Subdivision 3, Subdivision 4, and Subdivision 5. Subdivision 5, comprising the following:

McKenzie School District No. 234
Ingram School District No. 376
Anderson School District No. 434
Grand Forks School District No. 737
Amisk Creek School District No. 799
Solberg School District No. 926
Lake Shore School District No. 937
Shaw School District No. 1416
Ketchamoot School District No. 1465
Lindbrook School District No. 1835
Standard School District No. 1853
Woodlawn School District No. 1987
Bathgate School District No. 2955
Weslake School District No. 3593

Ustia School District No. 4410
Spilstead School District No. 4709

(3) That Mr. C.G. Purvis, of Viking, Alberta, shall be secretary for the time being of the said division.

(4) That the first meeting of the delegates in each subdivision of the said division shall be held as follows; (We have omitted the information for the first four subdivisions as it is not pertinent to our district.)

In subdivision 5, at the Town Hall in Tofield, Alberta on the thirtieth day of November, 1937, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

(5) That the name and number of the said school division shall be the Holden School Division No. 17 of the Province of Alberta.

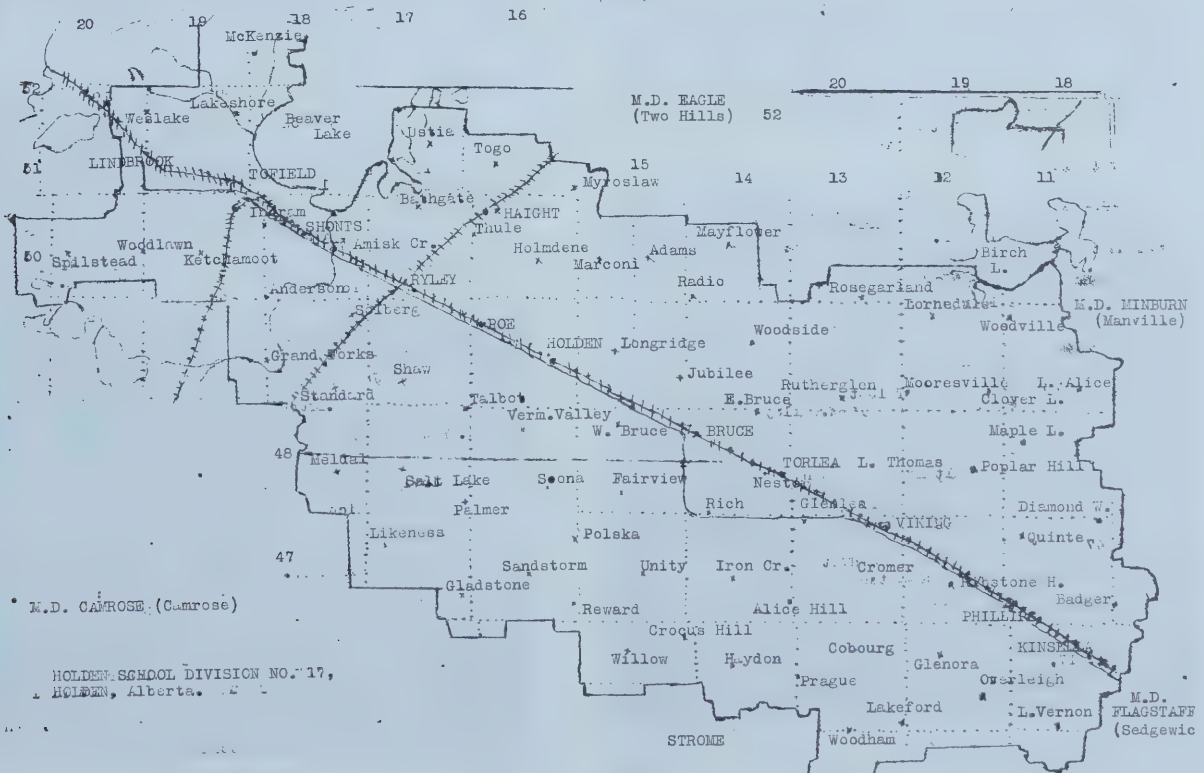
(6) That in case it is necessary to hold an election of any members of the divisional board, such election shall be held at the school house in each district in the subdivision for which an election is necessary, (or in the event of there being no school house in any such division, at the place designated by the secretary of the district in the notice calling the meeting of the electors for the purpose of the election) on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1937, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

(7) That the board of the said division shall hold an organization meeting on the eleventh day of January, 1938.

(8) That the first day of February, 1938, is the date hereby fixed when, under Section 248 of the said Act, the assets of every school district included in the said division shall become vested in the board of the division in the manner mentioned in that section; the liabilities of each district included in the division shall become payable by the divisional board as therein mentioned; and the board of trustees of each school district included in the division shall cease to have any powers, duties and functions conferred upon a board of trustees by the said Act, and thereafter shall have only those powers and duties which are expressly enumerated in Section 248 aforesaid."

(signed) William Aberhart
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

In 1938, the Holden School Division took in the small country schools, whose affairs were then administered from Holden, Alberta. With this change the title, 'Inspector of Schools' was changed to Superintendent of Schools. By 1957, most of the country schools were closed and the children bussed to centralized schools in the towns



nearest to them. The Anderson school children were bussed to Tofield, Alberta.

There was a change in the Municipal Government in 1958 when the Municipality of Beaver #73 became the County of Beaver #9. This took place on January 1, 1958. The Holden School Division was phased out and schools came under the jurisdiction of the County of Beaver #9. The County Office is located in Ryley, Alberta where the central office for school administration is located as well.

Many changes have come about through the years and not always for the best. There is much to be said for the one or two-room country school in the middle of the community. It drew people together, and the experiences and friendships gained by those who attended them will never be forgotten.

The forming of the six surrounding school districts in close proximity to the Anderson school districts made life easier for those students who had not been able to attend because of distance or had travelled that long distance to the Anderson school. Now the small country schools are closed and children catch the bus, usually at their gate, and are transported to the centralized schools in the County.

The High School grades were cut previous to the 1957 school year. Grades eleven and twelve went to Tofield or to Camrose Lutheran College. Finally, grade ten was cut as well. This was the beginning of the end for the Anderson (Bardo) School.



HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY
MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS BOARD

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS, 1916

GRADE X.

GEOMETRY.

Time—Three hours.

EXAMINER: M. E. LAZERTE, B.A.

NOTE.—Options are given in questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

Values.

- 3 1. (a) What is the test of perpendicularity of two straight lines.
9 (b) Draw a perpendicular to a given straight line of unlimited length from a given point not in the line. (I-12.)
6 (c) Prove that this perpendicular is the shortest line that can be drawn from the given point to the given line.

OR

- 4 (a) Define: right angle, vertically opposite angles.
8 (b) Construct an angle equal to the given angle ABC. (I-5).
6 (c) Bisect the given angle DEF. (I-9.)

2. Without establishing proofs, construct—

- 2 (a) The locus of all points equidistant from the straight line AB.
3 (b) The locus of all points equidistant from the two straight lines BC and DE.
5 (c) The locus of all points equidistant from the three points P, Q and R.

OR

- 10 Find a point on the circumference of a given circle which is equidistant from two fixed points A and B lying outside the circle. How many points fulfil the above conditions? Discuss the different cases that might arise.

(OVER)

Departmental Examinations, Grade X, 1916.

During the years that the Ketchamoot school was in operation, the grade ten and eleven students attended the Anderson High school (Bardo).

The Grand Forks Junior High students were transported to the Anderson school starting in

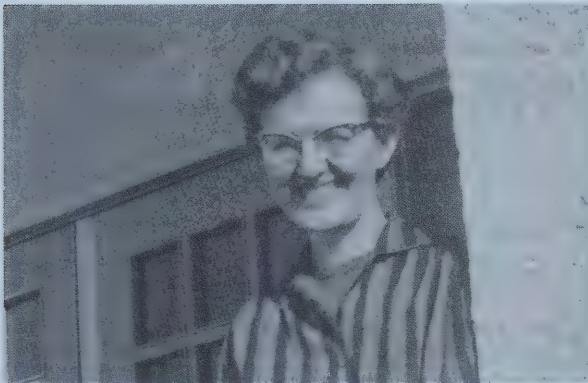


Julia Burkholder starting school in 1966. Sister Leona. Bus Driver, Roger Stutzman.



Petra Stauffer and her school bus.

September, 1952. Mr. Iver Moen transported them in a van. He drove from the fall of 1952 to June of 1954. Mrs. Petra Stauffer took over in the fall of 1954 and continued driving the bus to Tofield after both schools were closed. Grand Forks closed in 1957. All the grades were bussed to Anderson until it was closed in 1959. So, the era of one or two-room country schools came to an end. The last teacher for the grades one to five was Mrs. Daisy Young, and Mrs. Olive Stutzman was the last grade six to nine teacher at the Anderson school. The last School Board members were: Mr. Ivan Foshaug, Mr. John Wideman Mr. Leonard Stauffer, Chairman, and Mary Finseth, Secretary.



Daisy Young, 1959. Last elementary teacher at Anderson School.



Mrs. Olive Stutzman, 1960. Last teacher at the Anderson School for the Upper Elementary and Junior High grades.

In order for the Anderson school grounds and buildings to be turned over to the community for the purpose of a Community Centre, it was required that a Certificate of Incorporation be applied for. Therefore, the Bardo Recreation Association was formed and was incorporated under the Societies Act the 17th of May A.D. 1960. The Bardo Recreation Association purchased the four acre plot, together with the buildings, from

the Holden School Division No. 17 for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and paid six dollars to have the title transferred.

Anderson School closed by resolution S. 229/59 as at June 30th. 1959

Turned over to Bardo Recreational Association

Title no. 87-I-182, dated August 26, 1960

Anderson School closed by resolution.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
CANADA.

3372

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that

- Bardo Recreational Association -

is this day incorporated under The Societies Act, being Chapter 315 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Edmonton, Alberta, this 17 day of May A.D. 1960.

Signed: Jas. Warr.

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

S E A L

Province of Alberta, Canada Certificate of Incorporation No. 3372. Bardo Recreation Association, 1960.

September 12, 1960

Mr. Larry Foshaug
Tofield, Alberta

Dear Sir:

re: Bardo Recreational Association

I now have on hand Duplicate Certificate of Title 87 - I - 182, indicating that part S.W. 6 - 50 - 18 W.4th. being the old Anderson school site, is now registered in the name of the Bardo Recreational Association.

The cost of registration of transfer, payable by the Association, is \$6.00, and I shall be pleased to have your remittance in due course, after which the Duplicate Certificate of Title will be forwarded to you.

Yours truly,

Olof Monson,
Secretary-Treasurer

OM/ms

Notice of cost of registration of Anderson School site and buildings to Bardo Recreation Association.

Transfer of Land

I, We, The County of Beaver No. 9
Successors to Holden School Division No. 17

being registered owner of an estate in fee simple,
 subject, however, to such encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified by memorandum underwritten,
 in all that certain tract of land situate in the Province of Alberta, being composed of

**All that portion of the SOUTH-WEST quarter of Section SIX(6) Township FIFTY(50)
 Range EIGHTEEN(18) West of the Fourth Meridian in the said Province, Described
 as follows:**

Commencing at the south west corner of the said quarter section, thence easterly
 along the south boundary thereof four hundred and fifty(450) feet, thence
 northerly and parallel to the west boundary of the said quarter section three hundred
 and eightyseven(387) feet, thence westerly and parallel to the said south boundary
 to a point in the said west boundary, thence south along the said west boundary to
 the point of commencement, Containing FOUR (4) acres more or less.

EXCEPTING thereout 0.07 of an acre for R.P. 6078 M.D.

RESERVING unto Her Majesty all mines and minerals.

do hereby in consideration of the sum of **One** - - - - - (\$ **1.00**) Dollars

paid to me (us, it) by the transferee(s) hereunder,
 the receipt of which sum **we** hereby acknowledge(), transfer to the said transferee(s),

BARDO RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION
C/O Larry Foshang , Secretary
TOFIELD, Alberta

all **our** estate and interest in the said piece of land.

In Witness Whereof **we** ha **ve** hereunto subscribed (affixed) my (our, its) name(s) (and
 corporate seal by its proper officers) this **4th.** day of **June** A.D., **1960** .

Signed by the said **E.M. Magnuson and**
Olof Monsson
 in the presence of

E.C. Letourneau
 (WITNESS SIGN HERE)

THE COUNTY OF BEAVER NO. 9
E.M. Magnuson
Chairman
Olof Monsson
Secy-Treas. (TRANSFEROR SIGN HERE)

Affidavit of Execution

Canada } **I, Esther C. Letourneau** of the **Village** of
Province of Alberta } **Ryley** (NAME IN FULL)
 To Wit: Make Oath and Say: , in the Province of Alberta, Office Clerk

1. That I was personally present and did see **E.M. Magnuson & Olof Monsson**
 named in the within instrument, who **are** personally known to me to be the person **s** named therein,
 duly sign and execute the same for the purpose named therein.

2. That the same was executed at the **Village** of **Ryley**
 in the **Province** of **Alberta** and that I am the subscribing witness thereto.

3. That I know the said **E.M. Magnuson & Olof Monsson**
 and **they are** in my belief of the full age of twenty-one years.

Sworn before me at **Village of Ryley**
 in the Province of **Alberta** , Canada,
 this **4th.** day of **June**
 A.D., **1960** .

Esther C. Letourneau
 A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta

E.C. Letourneau
 (WITNESS SIGN HERE)

Nota Bene—All affidavits sworn outside the Province must be sworn before a Notary Public who must
 Transfer of land.

Camrose Lutheran College

The founders of Camrose Lutheran College came to Alberta, Northwest Territories between 1894 and 1904. They were Norwegians who emigrated from Minnesota and the Dakotas, as well as some who came to Minnesota and directly on to Canada. There was a concern for the young people in the early Congregations because there wasn't a Church School near enough for them to attend.

This concern led laymen and pastors, from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church and the Haugian Churches, to look into the possibility of a school. Church schools had been established in the U.S.A. so this was a natural prospect.

Therefore, in 1910, the two church bodies agreed to work together to form the Alberta Norwegian College Association. CLC became the institution of this association. The Association was organized August 10, 1910 and incorporated by the special act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta in 1913.

The Haugian (Lutheran) Churches involved were: Bardo, Bethel (Riley), Bethlehem (north of Camrose), First Scandinavian (Edmonton), Immanuel (Camrose), Nazareth (north of Bawlf), Salem (Kingman), and Trondhjem (Round Hill).

The members from Bardo Congregation were: John B. Anderson, Peter B. Anderson, and Reverend Bersvend Anderson, as well as twenty-two from the other congregations. These, together with seventeen congregations and forty-two laymen and pastors from the United Norwegian Lutheran congregations formed the "Founding Fathers" of Camrose Lutheran College.

The first school year commenced on October 2, 1911. The original building, now known as 'Old Main' was built during the summer and fall of

1912. The dedication ceremonies were held on June 26, 1913.

The aims and purpose of CLC was to give quality education in a Christian setting and to serve the church through individuals and otherwise.

Music has always played an important role in the lives of CLC students. The choir became popular and well known. They travelled to the surrounding churches and went on bus tours presenting their inspirational musical programs as well as witnessing to the effect of CLC and God in their lives.

For many years, CLC was a High School. In time, the high school grades were phased out until today, CLC is a facility for Higher Education on the University level. It is no longer a high school for Norwegian Lutheran young people, but has opened its doors to all nationalities, races, and religions. It is no longer CLC, but is now known as Augustana University College (1991).

Many highlights have been celebrated throughout the life of CLC, but none so great or exciting for the Norwegian Lutheran pioneers as the opening of the first private Christian high school on the plains of Alberta.

Normal Schools

The Normal School, where young men and women received their training to become teachers, was located in Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territories. It was far from the pioneer homes in Bardo and quite expensive.

In 1912, a Normal School was opened in Camrose, Alberta which made it possible for those in surrounding areas to attend this facility. This was closed in 1938.

The Normal School building was remodelled and became a facility to care for the mentally ill. It became known as "Rosehaven". This facility has been added onto and now includes a "Geriatric" wing.

Meanwhile, in 1928, a Normal School had been built for the Department of Education in Edmonton, Alberta. This building became "Corbett Hall" in 1936. The Department of Defense took over this facility in 1941, and used it for training the military personnel.

In 1944 the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta took on the business of Teacher Training from the Department of Education. At one time, a teacher was deemed fit to operate a school with only a few months of training. As time went on, a teacher received a



Camrose Lutheran College. "Old Main", 1929.

Certificate after one year at the University. This was extended to two years. Now, a four-year program with a Bachelor of Education Degree is required.

The Anderson School District #434

(by Iris Francis)

The first school in the early pioneer days of Bardo was held in one room of Johannes Johnson's two-roomed house during the winter of 1896. This was referred to as the 'Norden' school as that was the name of the community to start with. Nine families hired Mr. Peter Finseth as a private tutor. He had a Teacher's Certificate and had taught in Minnesota, USA, however, he did not have a Canadian Teacher's Certificate.

The North West Territorial Council in Regina established the school district on September 3, 1896. It was given the number 434, with boundaries being five miles north and south, and four miles east and west. The community organized the school district in the winter of 1897, as the time had come to build a schoolhouse. They named the district, Anderson, after the Reverend Bersvend Anderson and his son, Peder B. Anderson. Thus it became Anderson School District #434.

The first Trustees were: Mr. Nels Jevning, Mr. Martin Finseth, and Mr. John Johnson. Mr. P.B. Anderson was Secretary-Treasurer. The site chosen was the NE corner of the SE 1/4-1-50-19-W4, kitty-corner from the cemetery. This was C.P.R. land purchased by Mr. John Anderson, presently owned by Ivan Foshaug (1992).

The 1898 log school was finished with a wooden floor and roof boards covered with sod. This was later replaced with shingles to keep out the rain. Windows, door and stove were hauled from Wetaskiwin by team and wagon. A teacher's desk was made by Mr. Peter Haugen. It lasted forty years. During the time it was in use in the log school, it stood on a raised platform with the blackboard on the wall behind it. During the winter, those sitting near the stove were hot, and those a little ways away from it froze. Pupils were barefoot in the summer and wore mocassins in the winter. Drinking water was contained in a pail with a dipper for everyone to use. If not emptied in the winter, it would freeze. Lunch was brought in bags or in lard or syrup pails.

Mr. Erwine was the first teacher in the fall of 1898 until Christmas when he enlisted in the Boer War. Mr. G. Martin finished the year. The school was heated by a wood burning stove. In later years



Pupils in Norden School (Bardo) in 1899. Back Row: Ethel Coombes, Iver Finseth, Ragna Jevning (Steen), George Martin (Teacher), Johan Johnson, Gunder Brocke, Marie Lerbekmo (Boness). 2nd Row: Jennie Lerbekmo (Haakstad), Peter Lerbekmo, Inga Anderson (Johnson), Hilmar Johnson, Johnny Jevning, Alma Finseth (Foshaug), Torfin Brocke. 3rd Row: Maria Haugen (Qualley), Alma Johnson (Wekved), Peter Johnson, Bennie Finseth, Ingrid Haugen (Ness), Palmer Anderson, Marit Haugen (Horte), Amanda Johnson (Haugen). 4th Row: Peter Haugen, Roy Owens, Torvald Brocke, Ray Owens, Einer Moen, Bennie Anderson. Marit Horte and Amanda Haugen were the only two living at the time of the Anderson School Reunion in 1980.

coal was used as well. This provided a much evenner heat and could be 'banked' for overnight.

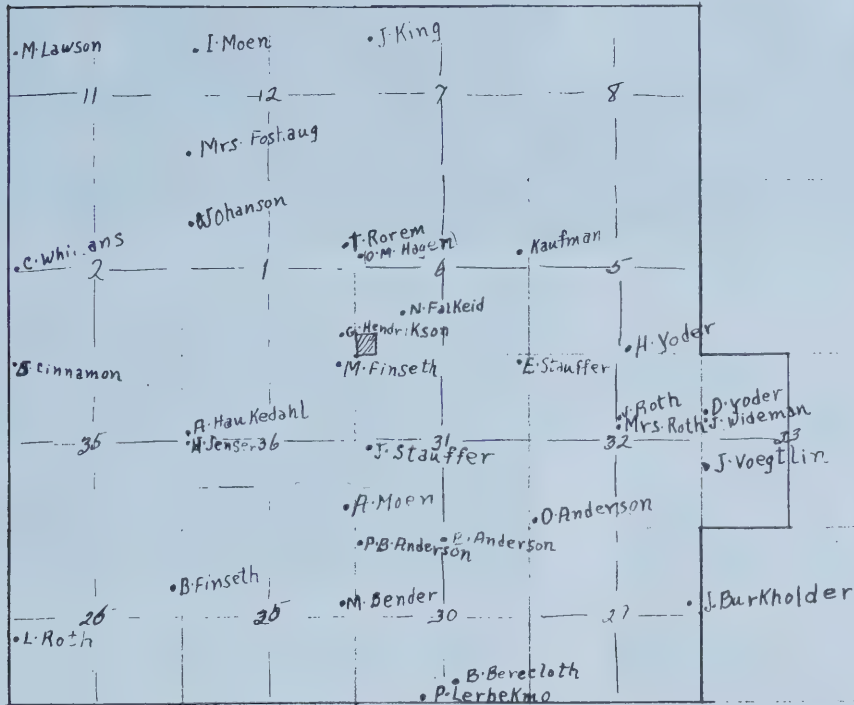
In those days, the students made their own fun. Winter saw them skating on the slough, which they cleaned off by pushing a wide board with wooden pieces for handles. Later, shovels were used as well. There were no tractors with blades to do the work. Building snow forts and playing snowball was great fun. In later years a skating rink was built on the creek. Frozen pieces of dirt or an old tin can were used for a puck, and a stick of some kind became the hockey stick. Favorite summer games included



Anderson School #434, 1910.

Anderson S.D. # 434

year built 1910



Give location and name
of each family
(J. Jones)

Anderson S.D. #434, 1910.

playing ball, Anti-I-Over, Jacks, London Bridge is Falling Down, Dusty Miller, Pump-pump Pull Away, Prisoner's Base, and Hide-and-go-seek.

By 1910, the log school was too small so a new two-storey school was built in the SW 1/4-6-50-18-W4. This land was homesteaded by Nels Jevning. Mr. Bower, who was the last teacher in the log school, moved with the students to the new school. Miss Helen Howlett became the first High School Teacher.

The old log school was moved to NE 1/4-1-50-19-W4, land owned by Mr. Tom Rorem, now owned by Harry Mosby (1992). The building was used for a variety of lowly tasks including



Original Bardo (Norden) log school, built in 1898.




Anderson School students, 1911. Two-story schoolhouse. 1. Daniel Swartzendruber, 2. Ivar Moen, 3. Nora Swenson, 4. Ruby Rorem, 5. Karen Viken, 6. Adelia Rorem, 7. Our teacher, Mr. Bower, 8. Martha Anderson, 9. Inga Horte, 10. Bernard Anderson, 11. Harold Ronning, 12. Petra Lerbekmo, 13. Alma Ronning, 14. Clara Eide, 15. Hazel Ronning, 16. Hilda Johnson, 17. Erma Schwartzendruber, 18. Laura Johnson, 19. Hannah Jensen, 20. Borghild Moen, 21. Astrid Johnson, 22. Our teacher, Miss Howlett, 23. Monrad Finseth, 24. Palmer Anderson, 25. Olaf Anderson, 26. Nelius Ronning, 27. Agnes Jensen, 28. Magda Anderson, 29. Lilly Ronning, 30. Lloyd E. Swenson, 31. George Moen, 32. Talbert Ronning, 33. Lyman Rorem, 34. Clara Jensen, 35. Helga Forseth, 36. Mabel Moen, 37. Olaf Hagen, 38. ?, 39. Oscar Hagen, 40. Jensina Viken, 41. Thea Viken, 42. Chester Ronning, 43. Ingolf Moen, 44. Bennie Finseth.

being a humble home for pigs. Quite a come-down from a house of learning. The logs were removed one by one in 1979 and moved to the Hastings Lake area by Mr. Earl McFall and son, Tom, who planned to reconstruct the building. Quote from Tom McFall – “By 1979 the school building had outlived its usefulness as a pig barn on the Mosby farm. Although it had deteriorated into a dangerous eyesore, approximately half of the original well-hewn logs were still sound. These were salvaged by Tom McFall and recycled into a smaller structure, which serves as a bunk-house for a restored and reconstructed turn-of-the-



Logs from original log school rebuilt by Tom McFall.


DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

Our File No. _____
Your File No. _____

FROM: A.B. WETTER
Assistant Director of School Administration

TO: HONOURABLE A. O. AALBORG
Minister of Education

DATE: October 13, 1959

Sale of site and buildings Anderson

School District No 436

It is recommended that the above sale by the
..... County of Beaver School No. 9 ..
be approved.

The District was included in the Division by a
Ministerial order dated October 26 19 .. 37

A.B. Wetter
A.B. WETTER
Assistant Director of School
Administration.

Sale of site and buildings located on Southwark
..... quarter Section ... 4, Township ... 32 ... Range ... 11 ...
W ... 4th ... Meridian ... Anderson School District No. 436

APPROVED this 15 day of October 19 .. 59 ..

Certified True Copy

[Signature]
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

[Signature]
DEPUTY MINISTER

Province of Alberta, Department of Education, Approval of Sale of Anderson School site and buildings.

century homestead on the shore of Hastings Lake’.

The Anderson School District #434 was included in the Holden School Division by Ministerial order dated October 26, 1937. The Holden School Division bought the four-acre site from Nils Falkeid, son-in-law of Nels Jevning, for \$160.00. Since the two-storey building was becoming unsafe, especially during severe wind storms, the Holden School Division decided to build a new two-room school in 1947. The old building was sold to Mr. Gust Olson of Ryley, Alberta for \$500.00. The new school was wired for electricity and had a science room between the classrooms, indoor plumbing, and a play area downstairs. There was a built-in stage for Christmas, Spring and Variety programs. What a lovely place to teach and learn in!



Anderson School #434, built in 1947.

The Program for the
Opening
of
Anderson School
January 26, 1948

1. O Canada
2. Invocation
3. School Quartette
4. Introduction – School Board – School Staff
5. History of School
6. Male Octette
7. Introduction – Divisional Board
8. Remarks – Inspector Erickson
9. School Chorus
10. Address – Dr. Swift
11. Male Octette
12. God Save the King

A teacherage had been built in the SW corner of the school yard in the late thirties to accommodate a newly married Principal and his wife, Mr. and Mr. Bert Loken. It was used continually from then on and had an addition built

on as well. A garage had been built and a private ‘outhouse’. There was a well in the yard also. Sometime in the 1960’s, Olaf and Nora Anderson bought the teacherage where they lived until 1972 when they moved to Camrose, Alberta. They eventually sold the buildings. The Teacherage was sold to Mr. Werner Vatterodt who moved it to his place north of Ryley. The garage was sold to Merlin Rude. There is no sign of the well site any longer.

Anderson School Teachers

1898-1910

Mr. Harry Erwine
Mr. George Martin
Miss Harriet McCallum (Deby)
Mrs. Gilchrist
Mr. Norman Marr
Mr. Jim Younie
Mr. M.B. Dunn
Mr. Harold Martin
Miss Day

1910-1919

Mr. W.J. Bower
Miss Helen Howlett
Miss D. Robinson
Mr. R. Hamilton
Miss Grace Stewart
Mr. Robert Scott
Miss Marion Weight
Miss Clare Hills (Owens)

1920-1930

Miss Rose B. Francis
Miss Magda Anderson (Hendrickson)
Mrs. Loolah (Hills) Lerbekmo
Miss Ann Dougherty
Miss Dooteau
Miss Marjorie Mahaffey
Miss Hazel Ronning (Hansen)
Mr. Harold Ronning
Miss Betsy Ness (Scott)
Miss Carey Brecken (Moore)
Miss Myrtle Rude (Bjornson)
Miss Phyllis Freeman
Miss Marguerite Martin (Watson)
Miss Marvin Lundberg (Haukedal)
Miss Alice Stolee

1930-1959

Miss Ellen Walker (Steen)
Miss Edna Yoder (Wideman)
Mrs. Loolah (Hills) Lerbekmo
Mr. Laurence Broughton
Mr. Selmer Olsonberg
Miss Jean Anderson
Miss Gladys Ness (Severson)

Miss Alice Broughton
 Mr. Bert Loken
 Miss Florence Forgan (Roth)
 Miss Muriel Finseth (Monson)
 Mr. Porter
 Mr. Ralph Richardson
 Mrs. Magda (Anderson) Hendrickson
 Mr. Neil Ott
 Mr. Ewald Gebert
 Mr. Stephen Urchak
 Mr. Henry Roth
 Miss Betty Hargrove (Stromsmoe)
 Mrs. Olive (Heffren) Stutzman
 Mrs. Iris (Bjornson) Francis - Substitute
 Mrs. Daisy Young



Anderson School, 1934-35. Loolah Lerbekmo, teacher.



Anderson School. Betsy Ness, teacher.



Loolah and Clare Hills, 1916. Teachers at Bardo and Grand Forks.



Anderson School, 1916. Clare Owens, teacher.



Jean Anderson, Lawrence Broughton.

Myrtle Rude (Bjornson).
 Teacher, Anderson (Bardo)
 School, 1927.



Anderson School, 1957-58. Betty Ann Hargrove, teacher.



Anderson School (Bardo), 1956. Back: Byron Lauber, Roger Stutzman, Joseph Wideman, Larry Foshaug, Alfred Riediger, Merlin Rude. Middle: Gloria Boettger, Lois Lehman, Myrna Wideman, Patsy Roth, Marilyn Lehman, Carolyn Foshaug, Patricia Severson, Mr. Roth. Front: Eva Wideman, Iris Hostetler, Phyllis Lauber, Grace Kauffman, Fern Stauffer, Diane Foshaug, Linda Riediger.



Anderson School (Bardo) girls, 1959.



Anderson (Bardo) School Reunion, 1980. Teachers: Myrtle (Rude) Bjornson, Selmer Olsonberg, Gladys (Ness) Severson, Edna (Yoder) Wideman, Neil Ott, Ralph Richardson, Bert Loken, Loolah (Hills) Lerbekmo, Muriel (Finseth) Monson.

The following is a copy of a writing by a one-time student in the old log school in Bardo. The author is unknown.

The Old School

(unedited)

"The school was made of logs. They had a hall at the end of the school. They had a stove at the back. At first they burnt only wood and a few years later they burnt coal. They had the blackboards at the front of the room. They sat in double desks. And each person had a bottle of water to wash their slates off. They wrote on a slate and wrote with a slate pencil. Later on, the school was painted. They had a chimney in the front of the school. They had three windows on every side of the school. They had six months of school. Their desks were home-made. At first there wasn't very many pupils, but later on they got to be about 30 pupils or more. Some were eight years old when they started. They didn't have grades like we have, they had readers. Readers 1,2,3,4 and 5 were the only readers, after you got through 5 you were in High School. To start school they would have prayer, but some teachers had devotion, then they would sing 'Good-morning Mary Sunshine'. Mr. Dunn, one of the teachers made them sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" all year long, and they got so tired singing it that they wouldn't sing it any more. Children from Ketchamoot, Amisk Creek, Grand Forks and some from Tofield were there. Later a school was built at Grand Forks. All the teachers were men except one, who was a girl. Miss Day was the girl and when she was teaching there used to be lice and she would examine them for lice.

Some of the men were Mr. Dunn, Mr. Bower, Mr. Martin, Mr. Younie, Mr. Gilchrist. In winter they would skate and the teacher would have to go all the way to the slough to ring the bell. The game played most was jackstones, they also played Hide-and-Seek, Norwegian ball, last couple out, prisoners base, made playhouses in the bush, and told stories. They had a log barn that was so low they could hardly get in. And when they played hide-and-seek they could see right through the cracks. There was a boy that went to school for the first time and when he got to school it had started so he slowly opened the door and stuck in his head and said "Here I come with my dinner bucket too". His name was Clifford Sutton. Some of their punishments were that if you whispered during the day, the teacher wouldn't say anything until it was time to go home then she would ask them if they whispered and if they said they did

they had to stay in 5 minutes, if someone else had to tell on you, you had to stay in 10 minutes. One night they decided that each one would tell on the other so would all have to stay in and make the teacher disgusted, but luck was that the teacher's girl friend came and they were dismissed early. They were often sent to the corner.

One Monday morning the teacher, Mr. Martin was late. So the pupils put on the board, "Lost, strayed or stolen, a teacher last seen on the road to Whilans's". When he arrived he rubbed it off the board and just laughed and did not punish them at all.

There were not many report cards and if a child wanted to or had to stay home he could. Some didn't have very good attendance."

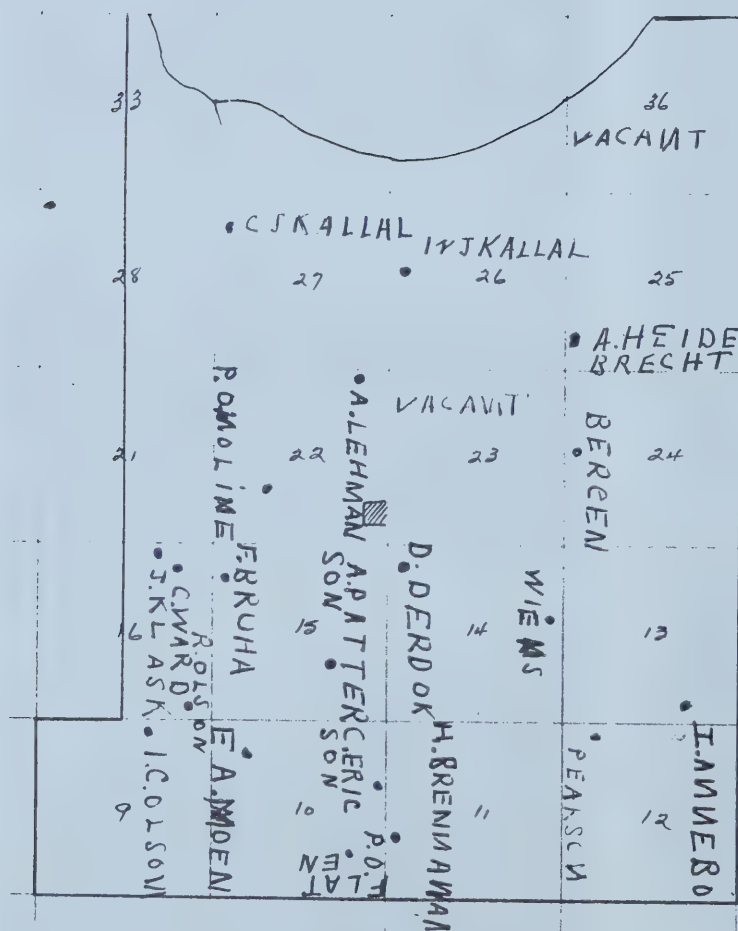
Amisk Creek School District #799 of the N.W.T.

(by Iris Francis)

The Amisk Creek district, located north-east of Bardo, was named for a creek which curved through the settlement and emptied into the Beaverhill Lake just north of the area. The Cree Indians named the creek Amisk-wa-chi-oo meaning Beaver Creek.

AMISK CREEK S.D. #799.

Year Built 1936
Second School



Give location and name
of each family.
(V. Jones)

The first settlers in the district were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flaaten, Mr. R. Berg and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Moen and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Erickson and daughter, Alma, and Peter Aas. These arrived in 1894 and 1895. Those arriving in 1901 were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Anderson, Mrs. Olianna Lillo and two sons. The Iver Annebo, P. Aasmo, I. Olson families and A. Patterson were later arrivals as well as Mr. and Mrs. Ananias Haugen and son, Arthur, and Mr. C. Kjareng. The earliest settler to arrive in this area was Mr. W.C. Hopgood in 1893. He lived on the east side of Amisk Creek and was a railroad contractor and logger. Mr. and Mrs. Per Moline arrived around 1900.

By 1903, many settlers with children had arrived in the district, so a meeting was called to consider building a school. The Amisk Creek District was established by North West Territorial Council, March 5, 1903. Mr. H. Black, a bachelor, donated land for the school, on the east side of SE-22-50-18-W4.

The building was 20 by 26 feet and was built by Mr. A.A. Story for \$89.00. Mr. L. Anderson was chairman, Mr. L. Bolton was secretary, and Mr. J.L. Gray was treasurer. The first teacher was Mr. John D. Gilchrist.

The school burned down in 1936 and was rebuilt in 1937 by Mr. Asbjorn Moen and Mr. John Ness from Bardo, for \$2696.00. Classes were held in the Amisk Creek Church until the new school was ready for use.

Amisk Creek school was closed in 1947 when rural schools were being phased out. From then on the children were bussed to the central school in Ryley. Mrs. Gladys Annebo was the last teacher in the Amisk Creek School.

The County of Beaver #9 was given permission by The Department of Education to give the Amisk Creek school building to the Tofield Historical Society to use for a Museum as a memorial to the Pioneers of the district. The building was moved to Tofield in 1961 after a Certificate of Incorporation had been obtained by the Tofield Historical Society. When the museum was moved into the new Tofield Arena, the school building was moved and is presently located in the NE corner of Ryley.

Farmington School #750

(by Donald Schmidt)

Farmington served some members of the Bardo district, though not as early as Anderson School. A notice from the government of the North-West Territories on October 30, 1902 ushered in the beginning of the Willow Flat School District #750. It served those from sections 15-22, and 27-34 in township 49, range 19, west of the 4th meridian.



Farmington School, 1915.

On March 30, 1903, the Board of Trustees for this school to be, was instructed to borrow \$500.00 for a school site and a schoolhouse. The Treasurer's address was Peter Scramstad of Northern, Alberta, (Bardo). On December 26, 1912 boundary areas of the Farmington school were altered. The school district was then comprised of sections 19-22, and 27-34, north halves of sections 15 and 16, and northeast quarter of 17. The school was erected on four acres of the NW 1/4 of 21-49-19-W4. The foreman was Nils Johnson and the district people his helpers. In 1914 a flowing well was struck and was in use until the

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA



CANADA

Certificate of Incorporation

I Hereby Certify that .

... The Tofield Historical Society ...
is this day incorporated under The Societies Act, being Chapter 315 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Edmonton, Alberta, this

24 day of July, -

A.D. 19 61



(Jan. Warr)
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

Province of Alberta, Canada Certificate of Incorporation. The Tofield Historical Society, 1961.



Farmington School and residence, 1926.

school closed. In 1947-1948 they let it fill the ditch and they had a skating rink. In 1926 Roy Molvick built a teacherage which was moved in 1949 to Kingman when the school closed.

The original school was moved to the Elmer Schmidt farm for use as a shop. To this day, Homer Schmidt uses it for the same purpose.

The new Farmington School was built in 1938 and closed in January 1949. In 1950 this school was put to further use when it was moved to Kingman. For years it was the school shop and later, a gym. The first teacher is believed to have been Miss Swarbrick in 1904. Many teachers came and taught in Farmington. The last full term teacher was Donalda Schmidt.

The largest registration was 48 in June, 1929. Many memories from these teachers and pupils can be recalled. Christmas concerts, June picnics, sport days, games, yearbooks, spilled ink, run-aways, teasing, snowbattles (snow forts and all), cold rooms, frozen lunches, illness, lessons (we hope), stories, are but a few of these. Likely the most remembered are the friends they had.

Grand Forks

(by Harry Stauffer)

What a beautiful name to identify a school district. Whose idea it was, I'm not aware of. Could it be from the Rude boys or Eide boys, who loved to row their crude boats or raft on Amisk Creek, and coming to a fork in the creek tried to decide which way to go, that the name, Grand Forks, came to be? This I do know – that one-half mile east of the School building, there is a fork branch in Amisk Creek where the creek coming from the Round Hill water shed, empties into the main branch of Amisk Creek.

In 1902 when the parents of those settled in the area gathered together to apply for School status, it required an area of four miles square and the possibility of the school building as near to the centre as possible. This was easy to meet as there were 63 rate payers in the area. They were granted School District #737.



Grand Forks School #737.



First Grand Forks School #737.

What a thrill it was for the parents and pupils to see their dream come true in the summer of 1904, with Rev. M.R. Gordon as the first school teacher. This school was unique in that it was honoured by having a large bell installed in its belfry.

I still remember with fondness, the privilege the students had of roving, within reason, from the immediate area, playing by the creek, snaring gophers, robbing crow and magpie nests, and enlarging the area of games such as Run Sheep Run, or walking at leisure, observing nature at its best, be it spring time, summer, or fall and winter.



Reverend M.R. Gordon.
Taught at Grand Forks
School.



Mrs. M.R. Gordon. Taught
Grand Forks School.

A 10 minute ringing of the bell before start of school was no problem being heard by pupils outside of the school fence. How trustworthy teachers were, to allow or feel comfortable, with pupils out of their sight, knowing we would be back in time for the second ring of the bell.

What a privilege students of Grand Forks had, to start up with parents struggling to get started from homestead experience. They enjoyed a better life in the twenties but were rebuffed by a depression in the thirties, and had to sacrifice in the war years.

As we look back, we learned our three R's, and developed the ability to come up with our own games of fun at recess and dinner noon hour period. One bat was allowed per year. If it broke (which happened), it meant making our own or relying on the good nature of someone's Dad to supply the need.

What fun we had when the weather was not fit to be playing outdoors. With the aid of teacher and pupils, our time passed very quickly with indoor activities. Those activities included "I spy with my little eye" or "May I". When it was nice, Dodge Ball was played with a basketball and a circle of children, with one or two in the centre. Pupils made ice in the winter. A combination of activities and ball games, all took a share of activity time. Then every spring came Arbor Day, a clean-up day for the yard, ashes, etc.

We see names from 120 families keeping this school open from 1904-1957. The Grand Forks District was privileged to have two new school buildings - 1904-1940 (SW-18-49-18-4), and 1941-1957 (NE-12-49-19-4). In 1957, the doors were closed and children learned the thrills of bus rides to larger units.

Those were happy school times in spite of

hardships money-wise. We never lacked, or were bored with time on our hands.

Though time has scattered the pupils over the face of the earth, Grand Forks' teachers and pupils have cherished memories of learning the three R's. They have left their mark in the community and abroad.

Hurrah for Grand Forks!



Grand Forks School. Back Row: Alice Rude, Ida Stauffer, Oliva Johnson. Middle Row: Pearl Roth, Earl Roth, Gudrun Ness, Carrie Brekkan, Betsy Ness, Myrtle Rude, Oscar Johnson, Barbara Stalter, Dora Boness, Joe Eide, Mahlon Bender, Edward Steen. Front Row: Alvin Steen, Hans Boness, Fannie Bender, Alta Roth, Irene Rude, Malfrid Boness, Reuben Eide, Elmer Bender.



Grand Forks School. Back Row: Truman Jacobson, Alice Johnson, Irene Rude, Katie Dyck, Gudrun Ness (teacher). Third Row: Levoy Roth, Morris Hoflin, Alice Ness, Elva Yoder, Esther Ness. Second Row: John Maurer, Alf Skogness, Loyal Roth, Gladys Johnson, Edna Steen, Lorene Maurer. Front Row: Gladys Ness, Ernie Yoder, Mabel Johnson, Mildred Maurer, George Currie.



Grand Forks School, 1929.

Grand Forks School District No. 737

(by Iris Francis)

The original site for the Grand Forks School was in the south-west corner of C.J. Rude's homestead, SW 1/4-18-49-18-W4. The one acre plot was leased for \$1.00 per year. A Board of Directors was elected at a meeting of the early settlers who were concerned about the education of their children.

Mrs. Tilley Qualley, the Secretary, was given the task of corresponding with the Department of Education in Regina, Northwest Territories with the purpose of requesting the formation of a school district in the area. On September 8, 1902 the acting Board was granted permission by the Department of Education in Regina to form the Grand Forks School District No. 737 of the Northwest Territories.



Martin Eide, 1940.

The first official School Board was elected with Mr. Lewis Qualley as Chairman, Mr. Frank Dubois and Mr. John Johnson as trustees. Mr. Martin Eide became Treasurer, a position he held for over thirty-five years. Mrs. Qualley continued as Secretary.

The first item of business was to vote for or against raising five hundred dollars for the purpose of building and equipping a schoolhouse. This vote passed and Mr. George Stevens was given the bid to build the frame schoolhouse for One Hundred Dollars. Mr. Andrew Foss hauled the lumber from Wetaskiwin for Thirty dollars. Mr. Ludvig Johnson did the painting and varnishing in June, 1907 for Seventy Dollars.

Funds were usually raised by setting a tax rate per quarter section or on an acreage basis. There were other ways of raising money as well. In 1905, a grant, based on the attendance, was received from the Department of Education. Families living outside of the district paid a tuition of three cents a day. In 1923 the value of the land was assessed and taxed by mill rate.

There were sixty-three rate payers between 1902 and 1904, most having been there before the School District was formed.

Grand Forks School District No. 737 had an official seal which was used, to bond the treasurer, for the first time in 1904. Documents had been signed by a Justice of the Peace or a one-half inch of red stamp was placed beside the signature of the Treasurer previously.

The first school had a belfry with a large bell. Mrs. Qualley was instrumental in raising the funds for this bell. It was used to call the children into school for thirty-seven years.

Reverend M.R. Gordon was the first teacher and Miss Ruth Lomas was the last teacher in the first school.



Grand Forks School, built in 1940.

The original Grand Forks school was replaced by an insul-brick building on the north-east corner of 12-49-19-W4, and the homestead land of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Qualley. This was "kitty-corner" to the C.J. Rude site. Classes in the new building began in the fall of 1941. The first teacher to enjoy this new, modern facility was Miss Grace Bruce and Miss Deanna Thomas was the last teacher in 1957.

One may read more interesting material regarding the Grand Forks School in the book, Round Hill and District Salute the Pioneers.



Grand Forks School, 1954. Back: Iris Hostetler, Byron Lauber, Patricia Severson, Marilyn Lehman, Letha Olson, Roger Stutzman, Phyllis Lauber. Middle: Mavis Hostetler, Carol Weber, Eva Wideman, Fern Stauffer, Louise Wideman, Barbara Roth, Thelma Wideman, Florence Stutzman, Mrs. McCormick (teacher). Front: Gerald Burkholder, Ronald Currie, Afton Olson, Leonard Stutzman, Glenn Burkholder, Bernard Stauffer.



Grand Forks School, 1955. Back: Doreen Lee (teacher), Byron Lauber, Patricia Severson, Marilyn Lehman, Letha Olson, Roger Stutzman, Iris Hostetler, Peggy Moen (practice teacher.) Middle: Carol Weber, Eva Wideman, Fern Stauffer, Phyllis Lauber, Barbara Roth. Front: Gerald Burkholder, Ronnie Currie, Bernard Stauffer, Afton Olson.



Grand Forks School, 1956? Teacher, Olive Stutzman. Back: Ronald Currie, Barbara Roth, Glen Hostetler, Leonard Stutzman, Louise Wideman, Carol Weber. Middle: Evonne Boettger, Gerald Burkholder, Bernard Stauffer, David Severson, Florence Stutzman, Thelma Wideman, Leona Burkholder. Front: Carol Hostetler, Iola Wideman, Marvin Weber, Helen Martin, Mavis Hostetler, Marlene Stauffer.

The Ingram and Tofield School Districts – #376 and #1939

(by Iris Francis)

There is conflicting information regarding the formation of the Ingram School district #376. According to the Provincial Archives, the Ingram School District #376 was established by the North West Territorial Council on April 22, 1895. However, the Ingrams for whom the district was named did not arrive until 1900.

According to the original minute book of the Ingram S.D. #376, dated March 29, 1909, it would seem that the Ingram district was part of the Tofield S.D. #376. Boundaries were set by the Department of Education. This was a rural S.D. which included a large area south, south-east and south-west of Tofield. This district was divided in 1909 by the Minister of Education upon the request of the Trustees of the newly formed School Board which continued to be called Tofield Rural S.D. #376 until March 2, 1912, when the decision was made to change from Tofield Rural S.D. #376 to Ingram S.D. #376.

The Minister of Education agreed to divide the property of the old Tofield S.D. between the Tofield S.D. and the Tofield Village S.D. (Minutes – June 29, 1909). The Tofield Village was changed to Tofield and established by the Province of Alberta as the Tofield S.D. #1939 in 1912. The first school site was NW 1/4-6-51-18-W4. A second school was built in 1903 on SE corner of NE 1/4-36-50-19-W4 on Mr. George Cookson Senior's land, just across the tracks and highway, north of

the old Pearson farm. In five years this school became too small. Tofield S.D. built a four-room brick school closer to town in 1909 and Tofield Rural S.D. #376 took over the small frame school (Minutes - February 5, 1910). A decision was made to offer the Tofield Village School Board \$50.00 for tuition of the children in S.D. #376 for the first six months of 1910. The minutes also stated that the Treasurer pay J. McCullum, the contractor, for moving the building.

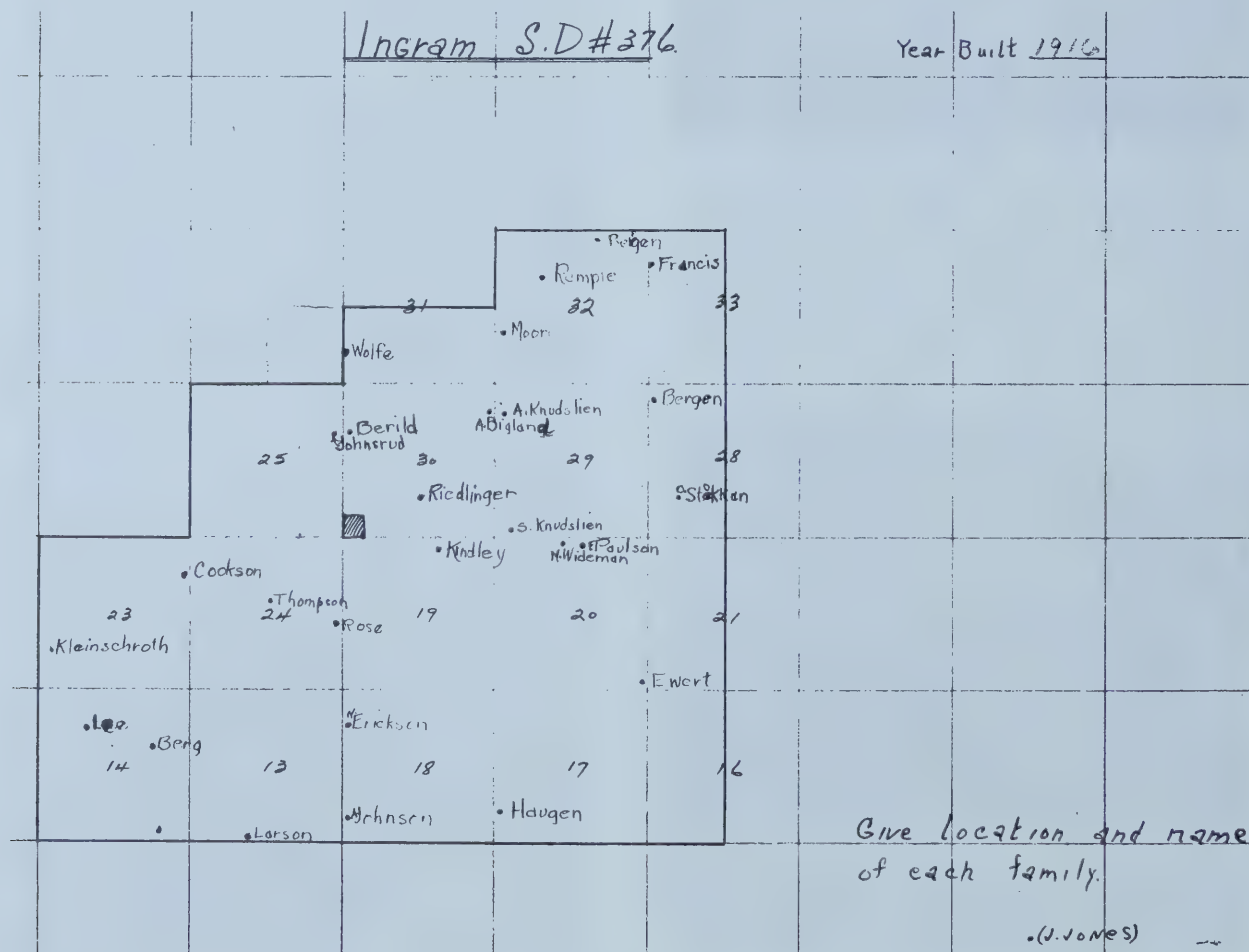
Mrs. Martha Ingram, widow of the late Mr. W.H. Ingram, of Ingersoll, Ontario, arrived in the Bardo district in the year 1900 with six sons and three daughters. She filed on SW-30-50-18-W4, just four miles north of the Anderson School. The Tofield Rural School was moved to the two acre site in the SW 1/4-30-50-18-W4, Mrs. Ingram's homestead, in 1910. The first teacher was Miss Blanche Beeton and Gunder Brocke started in the fall. School opened on January 4, 1911 with nine students.

Ingram School District #376 received taxes for the year 1911 from the following:

W.H. Neal	J.L. Wills	Wm. Bloss
Wm. Thomson	Hugh Mitchell	George McConell
George Quam (Kvam)	George Cookson	Crafts, Lee and
George McKay	Simon Nordhus	Gallinger
Thomas Archer	Peter Ingram	A.H. McCauley
A. Kellner	J.D. Chaplin	George Barracner
J.L. Gray	Guy Billington	William Whillans
J.D. Chapman	A. Sanborn	J.D. Wheeler
Otto Schultz		

In one of the Treasurer's books the following entry was found, "1916 - W.J. Thomson - eleven days janitor work at twenty cents a day!"

The Annual meeting for 1912, held on January 8, 1913 reports that no school was held during the year 1912. Times were hard and evidently there were not enough students to warrant hiring a teacher. The S.D. Boundaries had changed so students attended in School Districts surrounding the Ingram S.D. School was held from April 1, 1913 to the end of June.



Ingram School District #376; 1916.

In 1916, the two acre plot where the school was located was purchased for \$100.00 and the local School Board received title. Early in January 1916, the little yellow school burned. Powell and Cole of Tofield were given the contract to rebuild on the same location for the sum of \$1070.00. School reopened October 1, 1916.

Because of the earlier changes of boundaries, the S.D. was too small and there was not enough income to keep the school running. Therefore, in 1918, the Trustees were requested by the rate-payers to contact the Department of Education and the surrounding school districts to consider restoring those lands which had been removed from the S.D. All were agreeable, so the Ingram S.D. #376 became much larger, thereby enabling them to keep their school open (Minutes – March 29, 1918). The following land was added to the Ingram School district: S 1/2 13 and 14 in 50-19-W4, S 1/2 of 17 and 18, and W 1/2 of 16, 21 and 3, also SW 1/4-28-50-18-W4. The Ingram School District now became: Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 in 50-19-W4; Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 32, and W 1/2 of section 16, 21, 28, 33, in 50-18-W4. The rate of assessment was fixed at ten cents per acre on all assessable lands in the district.



Ingram School #376.

As time went on, finances improved enough to keep the school open and by 1937 an addition was built to accommodate the increased number of students. Eventually the S.D. was taken over by the Holden School Division. Mr. John Thomson was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ingram S.D. #376 at this time. He had filled this position since 1933. His father, Wm. Thomson, had served on the School Board for eighteen years.

The school was used until 1951-1952 when it was closed and the school district was absorbed into the Tofield S.D. #1939. Mr. Jack Lampitt was the last teacher at the Ingram School. The building

was moved to Tofield in 1952, and a van used to transport the pupils to Tofield. The building was used by Mr. Earl Hardy, M.L.A., to teach shop to the Tofield school students. In 1960, the Gun Club secured the old Ingram school from the County of Beaver #9 and remodelled it for a clubhouse and indoor range. It is presently situated on the Fairgrounds beside the ball diamond, across from the curling rink.

In 1965, the Tofield Historical Society requested that the School Committee of the County of Beaver #9 have the original school district number restored to the Tofield School District, so that the numbers 376 and 1939 be reassigned, thereby giving Tofield the low number, 376, with Ingram having 1939. Since the Ingram S.D. was extinct, and there was no objection, this was agreed to. Tofield School District received their original number back after many years.

One may wonder at the desire to have a low S.D. number. The answer is simple. Alberta was part of the North West Territory until 1905 when it became a Province. Only 500 School Districts had been established by the year 1900. Therefore, having a low number was a status symbol of priority.

Some of the early settlers living in the Tofield-Ingram School District were: Mrs. Martha Ingram, sons Peter and Wesley, Simon Nordhus, William Thomson, Lee, Cookson, Daniel Francis, G. Quam (Kvam), Neal, A.A. Story, J. Wills, J.H. Muskett, Mr. and Mrs. George McConnel, A. Kellner, J.L. Gray, J. Carlisle, Haker and Sanborn, and Pat Gladue.

Families included in the Ingram School District form 1929 – early 1950's were:

Henry White	A. Sanborn	Roy Zook
Jack MacIssac	George Cookson	Ananais Haugen
Peter Lee	Preben Berg	Mikal Erickson
J.D. Wheeler	J. Gray	Hanson
Jim Francis	Earl Moore	W.J. Thomson
Dave Regehr	Bradbury	Helge Reger
Olav Stokkan	Arnold Johnson	Kleinschroth
Dr. Bach		
(Chiropractor)	Menno Wideman	Esco Paulson
Jim Dunki	Jack Lampitt	Peter Neufeld
Henry Baergen	Franz	Frank Penner
Bekker	Hans Krogen	Carl Roloff
Art and Munro		
Trent	Joe Whitbread	Axel Kindley
Berild	Carl Johnsrud	John Berg
P. Bjornson	Rose	Riedlinger
Wolf	Ewert	A. Knudslien
S. Knudslien		

We apologize if we have left anyone out who should have been included within this time span.

History of the First Ketchamoot School

Ketchamoot School District #1465

(by Evelynne Stauffer)

The first Ketchamoot School was established by the Province of Alberta in 1906. The land location was 16-50-19-4, with one acre, title #113-592.



Ketchamoot School #1465.

The Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer for the years 1906-1924 were as follows:

Chairman

Douglas F. Black	1906-1907
J.C. Mitchell	1908-1911
John McGinitie	1912-1914
Alfred Schultz	1914-1915
Wm. Lee	1915-
James Ingram	1916-1920
Mrs. Frank Hull	1921-1924
James Ingram	1924-

Secretary-Treasurer

J.C. Mitchell	1906-1907
William Sears	1908-1915
William Lee	1916-1921
A.J. Williams	1922-1924

Ketchamoot School District was named by Mr. John McGinitie after an Indian Chief called "Ketchamoot" (Tales of Tofield - Page 290).

The first school was moved to Lindbrook to be used as a school. It was purchased by Mr. Bowerman and is located on his property in the Ministik District.

From the minutes of the first Ketchamoot School District #1465 we read the following: "A By-law relating to the issue of debenture of the Ketchamoot School District #1465 of the Province of Alberta, when as it is necessary and desirable



Moving of the first Ketchamoot School.



The first Ketchamoot School (1906) as it looks today (1992) at the Bowerman farm in the Ministik district. It was well built, is well kept and is used as a shop.

that the sum of eight hundred dollars should be borrowed on the security of the Ketchamoot S.D. #1465 of the Province of Alberta for the purpose of building and furnishing a school house repayable to the bearers in ten equal consecutive installments, with interest of not more than eight per cent per annum.

Note therefore the Board of Trustees of the said district inacts as follows that the necessary proceedings be taken under Ordinance to obtain the sanction of the Commissioners of Education to the said loan. Second that if the Commissioners of Education shall approve in appointing the said Board to borrow the said sum pursuant to said Ordinance the Debentures of said District will be issued payment to the Bearers in ten equal consecutive annual installments with interest of not more than eight per cent per annum and shall be executed by the Chairman and Treasurer of the Board.

Secretary - J.C. Mitchell

Chairman - Douglas F. Black

Trustees' Meeting, Ketchamoot S.D. #1465

Chairman Black called the meeting to order

June 25, 1906. Notice being received from the Department of Education that the School District was authorized to borrow the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars for the building and furnishing of a schoolhouse. It was moved that the Secretary post the Assessment Roll for the School District and mail to each rate payer an Assessment notice.

Trustees' Meeting of September 29, 1906.

A motion was made and seconded that the Debenture of eight hundred dollars for building a schoolhouse be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer and returned to Short, Cross and Biggas of Edmonton. Motion carried. William Sears was awarded the contract for hauling lumber for the schoolhouse. The price per thousand feet to be three dollars. Motion carried.'

October, 1906. It was decided by the Trustees to award the contract for building the schoolhouse to A.A. Story, price for building same, One Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars. Building to be done according to plans and specifications.

December 6, 1906. Meeting. Following is a list of people and expenses in preparation of the building: Hiram Philips for breaking ground on school site and hauling stone - \$8.00, Wm. Mitchell for hauling sand and water - \$8.00, - G.N. Beelen for hauling five loads of stone - \$10.00, - Wm. Sears for hauling lumber, 11,000 feet \$33.16, - John McGinitie for hauling one load of stone - \$2.00, - Douglas Black for hauling hardware and lime - \$6.00.

Secretary - J.C. Mitchell

Chairman - Doug Black

April 9, 1907

J.C. Mitchell's term of office as secretary expired in January. Wm. Sears was elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

May 1907. It was moved Ed. Hill be given the contract to haul 375 bricks and two barrels of

Portland cement from Camrose at 30¢ a hundred pounds.

June 22, 1907. A meeting was called to order by Chairman Black in order that the schoolhouse could be looked over and bills paid.

History of the Second Ketchamoot School School District #1465

The second Ketchamoot School #1465 was located on the land homesteaded by A. Mitchell. The location was S 1/2-N.W.-16-50-19-W4. One Acre title 222-M-91. The second school house was built in 1939. Names of the Chairman, Secretary and Trustees are as follows: Chairman: James Sutton, John Brown, M.H. Lawson Secretary: John Brown, M.H. Lawson, Charles Sears Trustees: Ralph Barnes, Roy Lee, John Brown, Harold Ovelson, Roy Lee, Martin Lawson, Roy Whillans, John Thiessen, Charlie Sears.

Grades One to Eight were taught, with the number of pupils attending averaging thirty plus. A year or two before the school was actually closed the grades seven and eight were bussed to Tofield School.

In 1938 the Holden School Division #17 absorbed the small country districts whose affairs were then administered from Holden, Alberta.

The County of Beaver #9 was formed January 1, 1958 and took over the running of the schools.

The School Inspectors during those early years were Mr. Russel and Mr. Robinson.

The Ketchamoot School #1465 was closed September, 1957 and the children were bussed to Tofield School.

Following is a list of the disposal of the property. The Teacherage was sold to Chester Coombes, July 23, 1957 for \$155.00.

The barn was sold to Ronald Coombes, July 23, 1957 for \$175.00

The school house was sold to Mr. J.R. Francis in 1959 for \$500.00.

The heating unit was sold to Paul Kallal on September 7, 1959 for \$50.00.

The page wire, from in front of the school, was sold to Dwight Sears, July 1960 for \$5.00.

The land was purchased by Roy Whillans in August 1969.

Teachers at the Ketchamoot School from 1921 until closing in 1957 are as correct as information and recall are available.

1921-1922 Miss May Hopkins

1922-1923 Miss Trainer

1923-1924 Mrs. Clarence Mitchell

1924-1925 Miss Jean Dickson



Ketchamoot School - 1926-1929. Pupils and teacher, Mabel Lawson.

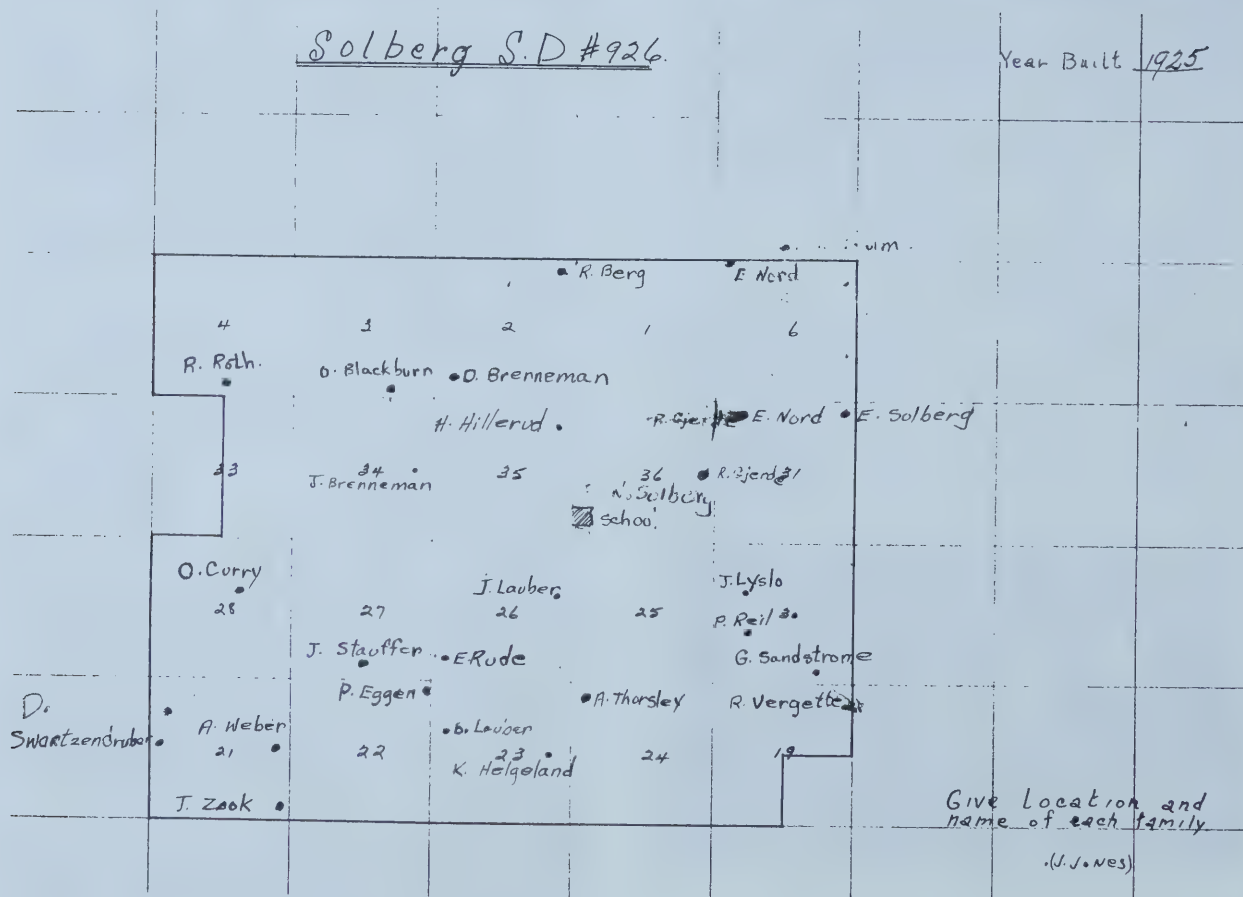
1925-1926 Mr. Clifford Lee
 1926-1929 Miss Mable Lawson
 1929-1930 Miss Mildred Purcell
 - Mr. William Allison
 1930-1932 Miss Netty Ardley
 1932-1933 Miss Jessie Neithal
 1933-1935 Miss Helen Manning
 1935-1936 Miss Margaret Lindsey
 1936-1937 Miss Nellie Lindsey
 1937-1939 Miss Hennie Annebo
 1939-1940 Miss Marg Kelly
 1940-1941 Miss Edith Burnett
 1941-1943 Miss Harriet Borthwick
 1943-1944 Miss Gladys McLennan
 - Miss Corrine Haukedal
 1944-1945 Miss Muriel Finseth
 1945-1949 Miss Ethel Brown
 1949-1950 Miss Faulkner
 1950-1952 Miss Erica Epp
 1952-1953 Mr. Vince Burns
 1953-1955 Mrs. Florence Ingram
 1955-1957 Mrs. Bowerman

Solberg School District #926 of the N.W.T. (by Iris Francis)

The Solberg School District was located southeast of Bardo. It was established by the Northwest Territorial Council, November 27, 1903 and was named for Nils Solberg, on whose land the school was built. The location was SW 1/4-36-49-18-W4. The first chairman was Mat Solberg. Bent Lyslo was the first secretary and Jacob Flotree the first



Solberg School #926.



Solberg S.D. #926, 1925.

treasurer. Taxes were collected by the local school board to help defray expenses. This started in 1905 and continued until 1931 when taxes were collected by the Municipal District of Beaver Lake #486. after which the local school district had to send in a requisition indicating their requirements for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. Bloomdal (Blondehl) was given the contract to build the school. The measurements were 20 by 26 by 10 feet. He received \$95.00 for building the foundation, the building and one coat of paint, but not to supply the paint. School opened in 1904 with Mr. Norman Marr being the first teacher.

The following items were requisitioned for in July of 1904: 12 desks, 1 Map of the World, 1 Map of Canada, 1 Map of North America, School hand bell, 1 Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 60 square feet Slated Cloth for Blackboard and 6 Blackboard erasers.

In February of 1905, the School Board met and found it necessary to assess a tax of 4-1/2 cents per acre for that year. They later decided on a 10% discount if taxes were paid within 30 days.

By 1926, the school was overcrowded with thirty-two pupils and six beginners to start in the spring. An addition to the original building was contracted to Mr. Nils Sand for \$1056.50 in 1936. As time went on, some of the senior high students from Solberg attended the Anderson High School at Bardo.

The school was closed September, 1955, and the pupils were bussed to Ryley. The last teacher was Miss Norah Lyons (Mrs. C. Edwards).

Upon the closing of the Solberg school the community decided to use the building for a

Community Centre, therefore, the Solberg Community Centre was incorporated under the Societies Act, May 15, 1957. After two years they disbanded and the building was sold to Mr. Noah Solberg, who held title to the land it was situated on.

Two teacherages were supplied for teachers at the Solberg school. The first was sold to Mr. J.A. Richardson in 1943, and moved away. The second teacherage was moved to the school site from Bathgate School north of Ryley in 1951, and was later sold to Mr. Peter Frebrowski of Ryley in 1956.

Early settlers in the Solberg District were: Flotree, Lyslo, Solberg, Gjerde, Thorsley, Hansen, Berg, Blondehl (Bloomdal), Gordon, Fisher, Nord, Lauber, Brenneman, E. Rude, Vergette, Reil, Hillerud, Lehman, Helgeland, Zook, Voegtlin, Yoder and Shaffer.

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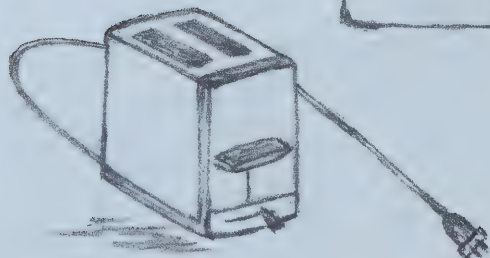
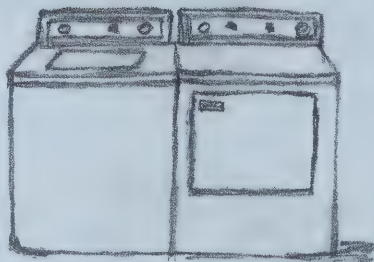
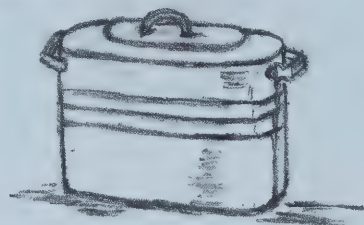
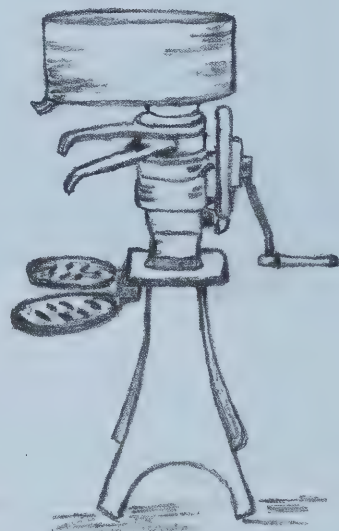
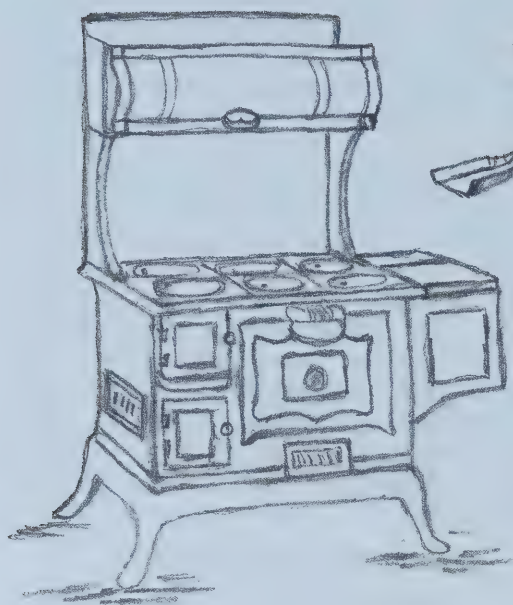
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I hereby Certify that Solberg Community Centre is this day incorporated under the societies act, being Chapter 245 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

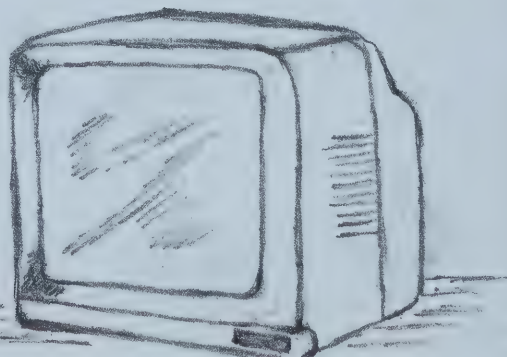
Given under my hand and seal of office at Edmonton, Alberta, this 15th day of May A.D. 1957.

Signed. (Jos. Warr)

Province of Alberta, Canada Certificate of Incorporation No. 2749. Solberg Community Centre, 1957.



AWAT



Home Life – Past and Present

Pioneer Medicine

(submitted by Betsy (Ness) Scott)

The early years of the nineteen hundreds were the days of home remedies, and the medicine cabinets were sparsely filled.

Two reliables were “Kuriko” and “Olioid”. Both were highly praised in the two popular newspapers, the “Noronna” and the “Skandinavian”. The “Kurikol” was used to treat everything that needed medication by mouth. The “Olioid” was used externally for sprains, arthritis, rheumatism and such ailments. There were also Watkins or Rawleighs linaments, and camphor ointment. These were massaged on the ailing area.

If the illness concerned a chest condition there was the mustard plaster, or the chest was covered with a wool cloth that had been soaked in warm tallow with turpentine sprinkled on it. The heat and the turpentine were itchy and irritated the skin but the positive expectations of the cure were a

source of hope and comfort. A more sophisticated treatment for chest conditions involved applying warm thermophuge (store bought in a tin) to a cloth and covering the chest with that.

At childbirth there were midwives. In the southern part of the Bardo district there was Mrs. Johannes (Ingrid) Johnson and in the northern area there was Mrs. Halvor (Gjertrud) Haugen. Both these ladies were small, poised, calm and very capable – beautiful ladies.

For rheumatism there was a form of leeching but a bloodsucking worm was not used to draw out the bad blood. A cow’s horn was needed and a piece of burning paper was put into the very end of the horn and then the horn was quickly pressed tightly over the aching area. This created a suction which drew out the poison.

I had a wort on my chin. Many cures were tried, like tying a silk thread around it, and linaments, but to no avail. But my uncle cured it. He pulled his pipe apart and there was a brown substance at the bend that he called pipe oil. He applied it to the wart. This pipe oil was pure nicotine and it cured the wart.

For earache, the remedy was butter in a teaspoon held over the chimney of a burning coal oil lamp. When the butter was melted (but not too hot) it was poured into the ear. I believe that people who had something like olive oil used that in the same way. All people had butter, but who had olive oil?

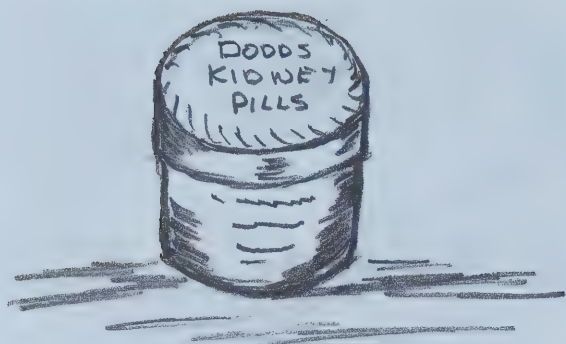
For a sore throat, a lump of sugar with naphtha on it was soothing to the throat.

There were also the reliable stand bys such as castor oil, Dodds Kidney Pills and the Lydia Pinkham remedies. These were not bought at a well-stocked Pharmacy but from the Watkin or Rawleigh travelling peddler.

God bless the dear people who faced illness and accidents with a calm, positive attitude and used the home remedies at hand to alleviate pain and suffering in their loved ones.



Pioneer Medicine, Kuriko.



Dodds Kidney Pills.

Medicine – Continued

Medical help was lacking in the early days. Wetaskiwin was the home of the only doctor available until Dr. J.H. Tofield started his practice in the Tofield area around 1896. He then left for a period of seven years. When he returned in 1903, he had a permanent practice in this area. Dr. Tofield passed away in 1918.



Dr. and Mrs. Nordby on their Tenth Anniversary.

A succession of doctors followed with Dr. F.A. Nordbye of Camrose, Dr. J.L. McPherson of Ryley and Dr. Frank F. Law of Tofield (1926-1941) being especially remembered.

In 1946, Dr. W.H. Freebury opened a clinic in Tofield. This was called The Freebury Clinic. Other doctors worked with him, such as Dr. Singh, Dr. Price and Dr. Toliver. There were others as well as time went on.

The Tofield Hospital District was formed in 1944 and the twenty-bed Tofield Municipal Hospital was opened November 19, 1947. How wonderful to have a hospital so close to home. A ten-bed addition was built in 1956, giving room for thirty beds and nine bassinets.

The Medical Staff in 1968 consisted of Dr.

W.H. Freebury, Dr. G.M. Price and Dr. K. Singh. Dr. Freebury had been appointed Chief of Staff and held this position until his retirement in 1986. Dr. Freebury was an excellent surgeon.

As time went on, the hospital became out-dated and too small. The decision was made to build new, with a Long Term Care and Auxiliary Wing connected to the General (Acute Care) Hospital. There is a modern operating facility, Out-patient clinic, Therapy room, modern laundry and kitchen with a Staff cafeteria, and much more to facilitate the work in the hospital. It is a marvellous Health Care Centre for a rural and urban location. This facility opened May 9, 1987. It is a modern facility which supplies aid for a variety of needs. Two full-time and one part-time doctor are in attendance at present – Dr. Toliver, Dr. Hackett and Dr. Karen Osiowy.



Emil and Clarence Rude – April 10, 1989 (Clarence's 97th birthday). The brothers both lived in the Long Term Care facility of the Tofield Health Centre.



Alice Finseth – December 21, 1989.

A Senior Citizens' Lodge was constructed in 1977 and an apartment building next door for Senior residents in 1983. There has been much progress in the medical field since 1894 when the first pioneers came to Bardo. We are a fortunate community to live so close to these facilities.

Butter Making

by **Borghild Rude and Mary Finseth**

When the early pioneers came to this area they did not have cream separators. The milk was strained into containers and set aside until the cream came to the top and could be skimmed off. When cream separators were available, they were a great asset. These had to be turned by hand and washed everyday but it did away with the many messy containers sitting around.



Before the butter churns were available, a tall tin can and a home-made wooden dasher were used to churn the cream into butter. The dasher was comparable to a potato masher. Later barrel churns could be bought and operated by hand with a crank turning the barrel round and round. This could be a very tedious chore, because, if the cream wasn't the right temperature, it could take hours before it turned into butter. There were other churns that had a dasher inside and a crank was turned by hand.

If there was no butter available for a meal, a quick supply could be provided in a hurry. All one had to do was put some cream in a jar and shake it vigorously until butter was made. There were always ways and means to keep a family happy.

As time went on, the early settlers needed to try different sidelines to help supplement their income and, believing in Co-operatives marketing, they tried it by forming a Smør Forening (Butter Association). In 1897, the neighbors brought their unsalted butter to the Pete Jevning home where it was salted and worked for a more uniform quality. The butter was packed in tubs and hauled to Edmonton by horse and wagon and sold to the

Hudson Bay Fort. To protect the butter from the long drive and summer heat, leaves and green grass were packed around and over the tubs which brought the product safely over the long rough trails.

One man, who frequently made the trip, found he could not fill the orders at the Fort, below the present site of the Parliament Buildings, where they carried supplies mainly for Indian Squaws. He was given a credit slip and sent in search of the Hudson's Bay store way up in the bush on Jasper Avenue.

The Butter Association again came into being in 1905 when Haugseths, Eggens, Annebos and other late arrivals, who had belonged to a Smør Forening in Bardu, Norway, decided to try their hand at it. The name was changed to Bardo Dairy Company. It flourished for several years and became well known for its excellent product. The society first met in the Eggen house on the Finseth place.



Irene Horte, 1910, in the "Butter House" on the Finseth farm.

The members realized there was a need for a better and larger building, so they began cutting logs, and donating material for a roof and floor. This building was located just north of the Finseth dwelling. A long work table, kept scrupulously clean, was installed with a real butter mixer. A small addition at the back served as an ice house.

Of the ten to twenty members in the society, the most experienced took turns washing the butter to insure that all the buttermilk was eliminated. Then weighing and measuring salt into the butter was the next step. Next was the printing and wrapping with the butter paper which was stamped with the name of the organization. Ready-cut material for the boxes was provided by the Dairy Association. These were stamped with a rubber stamp which marked each box before storing on the ice. The men took turns hauling the boxed butter to market.

The members met once or twice a week and

on work days people came from every direction carrying their butter tubs that M.B. Ness said weighed up to twenty pounds.

It was a day of visiting and exchanging news. They enjoyed coffee and goodies provided by the ladies. One day, Mrs. P.B. Anderson brought a cake topped with whip cream. A cat had taken her "coffee break" earlier so there was no cream for the anticipating workers.

From records of this venture into Co-op marketing, this interesting information was gained. Each member churned from two to fifty-four pounds per week. A. Moen, A. Bartness, H. Haugen and P.B. Anderson were the highest producers. The butter was now hauled to Edmonton and shipped to firms at the coast. At times it was hauled to Vegreville and Camrose. The price was 14 to 23 cents a pound. Within four months \$800.00 worth of butter was shipped. One producer received \$285.00 in one year and another \$269.00

The operation continued through 1906 and 1907 at which time creameries started up at different points. Cream routes were laid out in many directions. By 1909, a creamery was located in Ryley composed of shareholders from Bardo and Ryley. For some years the Bardo route was served by Hans Hillerud, who went by the name of "Rømme Hans" (Cream Hans).

Beaver Lake Farmer's Creamery Association was organized and opened at Ryley about 1910 or 1911. It was later sold to the Woodlawn Dairy and for many years it was a cheese factory. In 1949 there was a fire in the dairy plant and then Woodlawn Dairy changed it over to a powdered milk plant. Again milk trucks or individual farmers brought their whole milk there where it was separated; the cream was sent to a Creamery to be made into butter and the skim milk was processed into powdered milk. This was packed into seventy-five pound bags for shipment to other areas. The milk plant closed in 1976.

The cheese factory in Round Hill was opened in 1922. This was owned by P. Burns and Company. In 1944 it was sold to the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool (N.A.D.P.). Their milk trucks had routes to haul the eight gallon cans of whole milk for the farmers to the Cheese Factory. This factory closed in 1962.

Again the farmers went back to separating their own milk and took the cream to the Woodlawn Creamery in Tofield. Some farmers shipped their cream by train to the N.A.D.P. in Edmonton. Later there were cream truck routes



Round Hill Cheese Factory, Burns Company Limited.



Separating cream from the milk.

again. Cream and eggs were picked up at the farms and hauled to the N.A.D.P. and Co-op Egg Grading Station in Edmonton, twice a week.

In May 1980, the Cream truck quit coming to the farms because it was too costly for the Creamery. Individual farmers had to take their own cream to a gathering point in Tofield once a week. This was at the old Tofield Creamery building, which had been closed at an earlier date. It was still the N.A.D.P. who picked up the cream from there.

As time went on there were fewer farmers milking cows, so the quantity of cream became less. Then the N.A.D.P. quit sending trucks and other plans had to be made. Brown's Transport in Tofield opened a gathering point at their place and they delivered the cream to the N.A.D.P. once a week and continued this service for a number of years.

Now there is no cream shipped from the Bardo area. Some farmers specialized in large dairy herds and now use modern milking techniques and bulk storage tanks. The milk is picked up every second day in large tank trucks and hauled to Edmonton.

(Butchering Days)

(as remembered by an eighty-five-year-old)

The only way to preserve fish and meat in the early years was to salt it. After a hog or beef was slaughtered, the beef was cut into large pieces and placed in a wooden barrel or large stone crock and saturated with salt. The hams and bacon from a hog were placed in containers and a strong brine poured on. After several days or weeks the meat was taken out and smoked in a small building provided for this purpose. The smoke was created by burning sawdust from poplar wood or from dried corn cobs. The fire had to be tended carefully so there were no flames and yet enough heat and smoke to cure the summer sausage, dried beef, hams and bacon. It took approximately one or two weeks to cure the meat depending on the size and kind. Nothing today compares with home-smoked meat, especially home-made summer sausage!

When done, the meat was wrapped in clean cloth and buried in the oat bins for safe keeping. Later it was learned that meat could be canned in glass jars. The jars were filled with stew-sized pieces or fried steaks and processed in the wash boiler for three or four hours. Pork roasts and steaks could also be preserved by placing them in stone crocks and covering with lard. These later methods were much better and the product was fresher and did away with so much salt. The salted meat had to be soaked in water or milk to remove some of the salt before it could be eaten.

The Finseth, Rude and Anderson families decided to go together and purchase butchering equipment and get the work done in a modern way. This consisted of a large iron kettle which rested in a jacket where a fire could be built underneath, a lard press and a large grinder operated with gas engine power. Sausage making equipment came along with this. Now they were ready for business.

When a beef was butchered, the families were there to cut it up the same day. Some was cut up for canning. Strips were cut in suitable sizes for 'Speke Kjött' (cured beef). Meat was cut off bones for grinding to make meatballs that were canned, and some made into good summer sausage. The flank was cut into suitable pieces, salted, peppered and smothered with onion slices. Then it was rolled up and sewed together with string. This was then boiled and pressed making delicious sandwich meat.

The hog butchered, was usually a large sow. Water was heated in the iron kettle and transferred to a large wooden barrel for scalding. When the



Clarence Rude, butchering a beef, 1951.



Butchering. Pig weighed 625 pounds; head weighed 50 pounds. Monrad Finseth, Clarence Rude, Emil Rude, C.J. Rude.

carcas was scraped clean it was ready for cutting up into ham, bacon and sausage meat. The head and feet, when thoroughly cleaned were boiled in the big kettle until tender. The meat on the head was cut off the bones and made into headcheese. Delicious! The feet were pickled and a real delicacy!

The lard that had been cut into small pieces was put into the kettle for rendering. When it was cooked until it looked clear, the lard press was put to use. Large containers were used to store the lard in. The workers looked forward to all the mouth-watering doughnuts and pies that would be made. Now it was time to bring out the salt shaker to sprinkle the nicely browned cracklings that were enjoyed by all, especially the children.

The small intestines were turned and scraped clean providing casings for making pork and beef summer sausage.

Blood sausage was made from both the beef and hog. The blood was diluted with cold water and cooled. Then salt and flour were added, also pieces of leaf lard or suet, then it was put into cloth bags and boiled. This was delicious when hot with butter and syrup or cut up into pieces and warmed up in cream. It was said the only part of the hog not used for food was the squeal.

Before electricity became available in the country, a butcher, Mr. Dick Mutlow, opened a freezer locker plant in Tofield. Lockers were available to folks who wished to rent one. This was a most welcome convenience.

Many farmers bring their animals to the slaughter house in Tofield now where it is prepared ready for the freezers. The Rude brothers, Lars and Merlin have bought and set up modern equipment in the Lars Rude garage on the farm. This consists of an electric saw, grinder, tenderizer and a wrapping paper dispenser so, together with family and friends as many as three animals are processed and ready for the deep freeze in one day. The carcasses are hung up to tenderize for about a week before cutting up. All these modern means cut down on much hard work and a good time is always enjoyed together.

Slaksrul

(by Gladys Severson)

Slaksrul, Kjøtrul or Rullepølse are names for the same delicacy. When the beef animal was butchered, the flank was carefully cut out so it was a good size and totally free from any part of the ribs. It is good to have some fat on the portion

of the flank. A good size for each piece could be about 9 or 10 inches square.

Sprinkle the piece generously with salt and pepper. Do not use iodized salt. Cut onion in slices and put a generous amount on the meat. Sprinkle Caraway and a little saltpeter also on your meat. If the flank is thin, it is good to add some strips of meat to roll inside. Now roll the meat up as tightly as possible so you have a very large looking sausage. Sew this tightly with cotton cord so it holds together.

Next, make a brine solution of course salt and water. Continue adding salt and stirring, until it is dissolved and the brine is strong enough so an egg will float in the solution. Put your slaksrul in this brine for approximately two weeks. Keep it cool. Before you boil it, wrap it in a white cotton cloth and wrap with string so it will hold. Boil for approximately two hours. Take it out and press it until it is completely cold (overnight). This is delicious when sliced thin and used on open-faced sandwiches.

Cheese Making

There were many varieties of cheese made in the homes from the farm milk. It took time and effort but was eaten with enjoyment.

Curds and Whey:

There were different ways of making curds and whey. One way was to heat whole milk to the boiling point. Gradually add 1 quart of buttermilk and stir. The buttermilk would turn the milk into curds and whey. Adding rennet tablets to the milk would also cause it to curdle. Another way was to let the whole milk stand in large kettles to sour. When thick, it was put on the stove to heat until separated into curds and whey.

Gamel Ost:

(by Borghild Rude)

Gamel ost was made from the curds, which were placed in a stone bowl with a little salt and set on the warming closet of the wood and coal stove where it was kept warm for several days to ferment. It required occasional stirring and a bit of caraway seed added, improved the flavor. When it had reached the flavor desired it was transferred to a pan and pressed.

The cheese was now ready for slicing and serving on a piece of nourishing bread made from wheat ground at the flour mill (no additives). This

cheese can be compared with the blue cheese that can be purchased now.

The aroma from the product when processing was far from anything to be desired!

Block Cheese

(by Borghild Rude)

When the curds and whey were separated they were stirred and broken up into small pieces. It was then warmed again, taken from the stove and worked some more. All the whey was drained off and the curds were transferred to a dish and covered with a plate. A stone or brick was used for pressing the cheese. Now it was ready for slicing.

Cottage Cheese

Home made cottage cheese was easy to make once the milk had been processed to produce the curds and whey. This was heated, the whey drained off, then the curds were crumbled, salt and a little cream added and now it was ready for serving with a meal.

Gomme

(by Gladys Severson)

Heat six quarts of whole milk (from the farm) to boiling. Gradually add one quart of buttermilk and stir. The buttermilk will turn the milk into curds and whey.

My mother used to buy a small round wooden container that had about 12 small tablets called rennet. The substance in this small rennet tablet, when added to the milk, would cause the milk to curdle.

Continue gently boiling the curds and whey and stirring to break up the curds. This simmering and occasional stirring would continue for at least eight hours. The old wood and coal kitchen stove worked very well, for a spot could be found where the heat was just right to keep it simmering.

By the end of eight hours the amount left in the kettle was greatly reduced in volume, and there was not much moisture showing. Now add some raisins and a little thickening made from flour, and milk or cream, and continue simmering until it is slightly thickened. Add vanilla or cinnamon at the end, if you choose. Spoon it into small bowls so it is like a mound. When it is cooled, it is delicious used as a cheese on bread. Cover the bread generously. This keeps well in the refrigerator.

Primost or Møsmør

(by Mary Finseth)

This is a Norwegian cheese made from ordinary, cows whole milk that has been left in a large kettle to turn sour. When thick, it is put on to heat until curds and whey separate. The curds are strained from the whey. (The curds make very good cottage cheese by adding some salt, pepper, and cream.)

Next, boil the whey for many hours until it becomes thick and a brownish color. It must be watched very carefully so it doesn't stick to the kettle or boil over.

When boiled to the desired thickness add some sugar to taste and a bit of vanilla. Remove from the stove and stir, or beat until cold. The beating keeps the cheese from becoming sandy and results in a very smooth paste. This is delicious on toast, bun or crackers.

When the farmers started selling their milk to the Cheese factory in Round Hill they could get the whey free. So they brought it home in eight gallon milk cans and boiled it into Primost or Møsmør. When they had these large amounts of whey, it was boiled in the large kettle used to heat water for butchering. It was kept boiling over a wood fire outside – all day – stirred almost constantly. It was lots of work but the finished product was worth every minute of it.

Ryley also had a cheese factory where they started drying the whey. It came out in large brown wafers. These were bought in 100 pound flour sacks. To make primost from these wafers you just cooked them again in milk and cream and added sugar and vanilla to taste. This was a delicious product.

For some years primost could be bought in a one pound firm block just as Gjetost is today, but it is not available any more. That too, could be boiled in milk and cream to make a softer product and used as a spread.

For Scandinavians and others this was a very tasty form of cheese. It can still be made by individuals and has been done in very recent years!

Kjelost

(by Gladys Severson)

Take the second milking from a cow that has had a new calf. Strain the milk and pour it into a casserole bowl. Place in oven and bake at a slow temperature, 300 degrees, until it is like a custard. Serve warm or cold. A variation is to sprinkle either cinnamon or nutmeg on top of the milk just

before it is put into the oven to bake. To test for doneness insert a knife and if it comes out clean it is done.

Scandinavian Foods and Recipes

The pioneers and early settlers brought with them their knowledge of making different kinds of bread other than the regular bread made from yeast. These recipes are still used by their descendants and others who have learned to enjoy them.

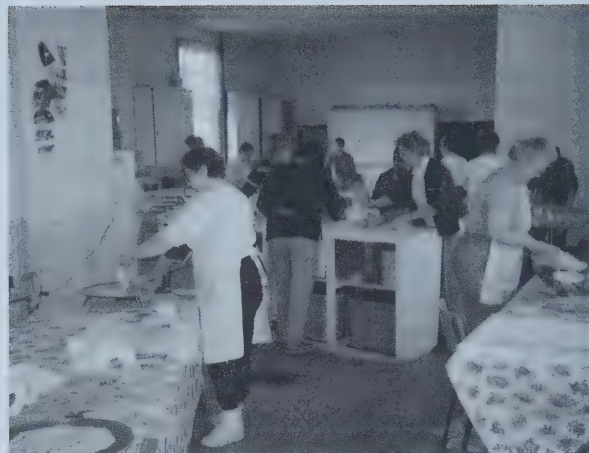
Lefse and flat brød (flat bread) have become a tradition especially at Christmas or special occasions.

Lefse

(by Gladys Severson)

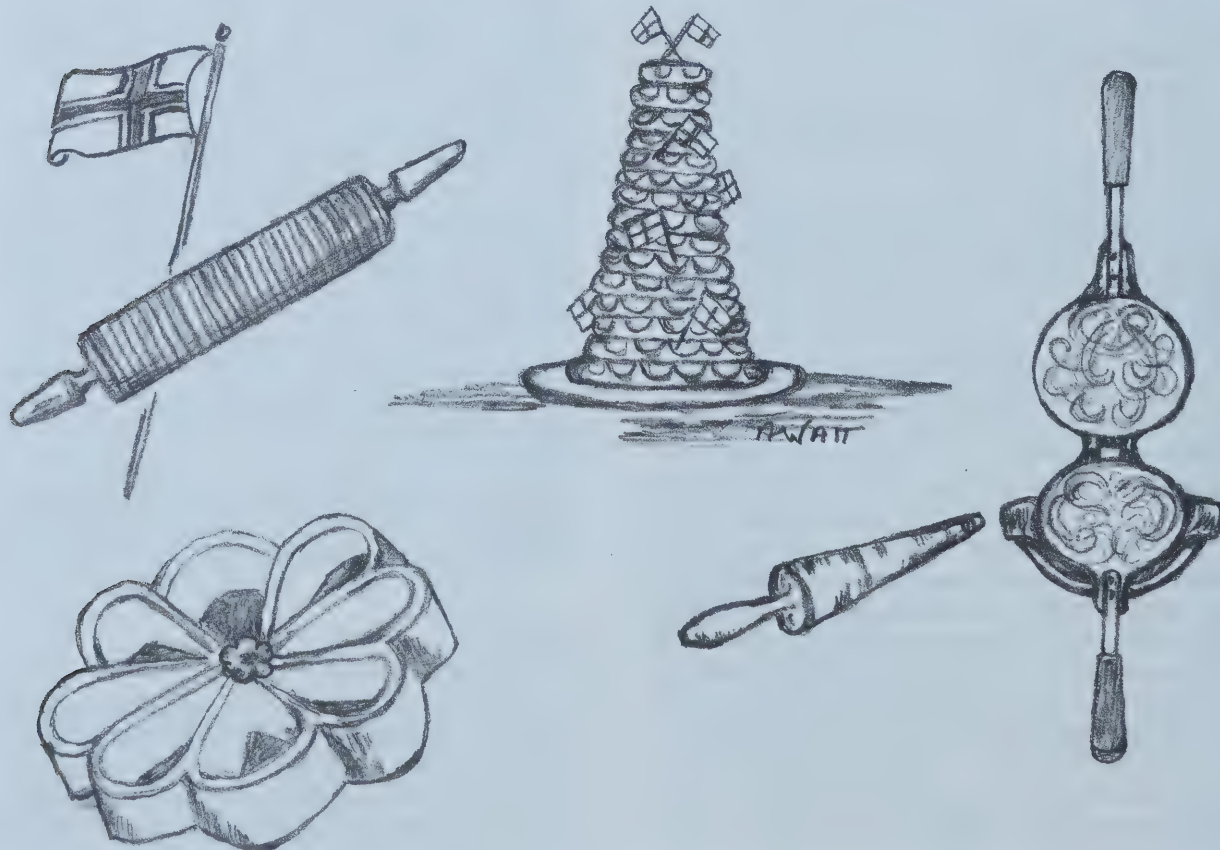
Utensils needed – A Norwegian rolling pin, a wood and coal stove with a smooth cast surface or an electric grill, and a smooth area on a table or counter on which to roll.

There are a number of varieties of lefse but the methods of baking will be very similar. When the dough is mixed you cut off a small piece. Sprinkle flour on the area where you plan to roll out the



Lefse-making in the Community Centre, 1992.

dough, also some flour on the dough so it won't stick to the rolling pin. Start rolling. Lift the dough and turn it as you roll so it won't stick to the counter surface until it is the desired thickness. It should be very thin when you are finished. A flat wooden stick is needed to help you get the lefse onto the baking surface. Bake enough so it is just



done but not crisp. If you have made potato lefse it is very good just served with a meal. It can be quartered or cut the desired size. If it is Hardanger lefse or the other lefse you can spread it generously with butter and brown sugar and cinnamon. Fold and cut in desired size. This is wonderful to serve as an addition to a coffee party.

Potet Lefse (Potato lefse)

6 cups mashed potatoes
1/2 cup shortening
2 beaten eggs
2 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
Bake quickly, temperature 400 degrees

Hardanger Lefse

2 cups sour cream
1 teaspoon soda
Beat together.
1/2 cup Rogers syrup
2 tablespoons white sugar
Add enough flour to roll – approximately 2 1/2 cups. Bake on hot grill 425-450 degrees.

This lefse can be spread with butter and cinnamon and brown sugar as soon as it is cold. Cover with another piece of lefse. Cut into desired size, put into a tight container and freeze.

Flat Brød (Flat Bread)

The method for making flat bread is similar to lefse except it is baked until it is dry and completely crisp. It works very well to place the rolled out sheet on a cookie sheet and bake it in the hot oven 400-450 degrees until it is slightly brown and crisp. This is excellent with fish or any meal and is also wonderful to just nibble. Spread it with butter and you have a treat. This was an excellent form of bread for the pioneers who had no freezer for keeping regular loaves. Flat bread is an excellent keeper without refrigeration since there is no moisture left in it.

The following recipes have been well used.

1. Flatbread

6 cups flour
1 1/2 cups cornmeal
1 cup lard
1 cup hot water
1 1/4 cups cold water
salt

Roll as thin as possible. Move it with a flat wooden stick to the baking area. Either cut it up

before you bake it or immediately after you lift it out of the oven. Temperature 375-400 degrees.

2. Flatbread

3/4 cup melted margarine
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
2 cups oatmeal
3 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt

Pour buttermilk on oatmeal, then mix the rest. Roll thin and bake in 400 degree oven.

3. Flatbread

4 cups white flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup packed wheat bran
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

Mix all the above ingredients.

1 cup buttermilk
1 cup lukewarm water
3/4 tsp. soda
3/4 cup vegetable oil

Mix these ingredients and add to the above mixture. Roll thin and bake in 400 degree oven.

Lutefisk

(by Borghild Rude)

Lutefisk, a tradition brought along from Norway was a must on many Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner tables, but it did not come ready made like now. Dry cod could be bought at the meat markets or grocery stores. It was hard and dry and resembled a board. This was soaked in a solution of water and wood ashes that had been saved over the summer when wood was burned in the old wood and coal stoves. This took many days. Some people chose to take the skin off which was a big job. Then the fish was soaked in clear water until it was soft enough to cut into pieces with a sharp knife. The fish was now ready for the enamel kettle filled with boiling water and plenty of salt. It went to pieces if boiled so it was brought to a boil and simmered briefly. The fish was now placed on platters and served with melted home-made butter or a cream sauce.

Times have changed and now the prepared fish is available at the stores for a price. It is not only Norwegians who enjoy this delicacy. People will drive for miles to a 'lutefisk' dinner or supper still served in a few communities.

Norwegian Sweets

(by Gladys Severson)

The Norwegian folks brought with them numerous recipes for sweets which were not only delicious but also very pretty.

Krumkake or Skrull (scrolls) as many called them, resemble an ice-cream cone except there is nothing inside. A number of the pioneers brought the iron with them when they came from Norway. This iron was made from cast iron and resembled two flat discs with a design imprinted in the cast. There were long handles attached to these two discs. The batter was placed in the centre of the disc. The handles were brought together which flattened the batter and pretty well filled the area of the disc.

The discs were approximately six inches in diameter. The iron was put right down in the fire of the wood-burning kitchen stove until it was hot. Then it was lifted up from the fire and the batter placed on the disc. As soon as the discs were closed it was put back on the fire. It baked in just a matter of seconds. As soon as it was taken out of the fire, the iron was opened and the baked batter removed. It was then rolled onto a cone shape made out of brown paper. As soon as it was cooled, the scroll was removed from the cone and it would keep its shape.

There are several good recipes in the cookbooks, or they can be borrowed from those who still make them. Scrolls are good for coffee time.

Rosettes

Rosettes was another item that was made. You would put lard or today, one can use oil, in a kettle to about the depth of three inches. This was heated until very hot. The iron was about two inches in diameter and was also made from cast iron. There was a handle on this iron, that first went up and then turned at right angles. This was the part to hold the iron with.

The batter is mixed, then dip the hot iron into it to about three quarters of the depth of the designed iron. Quickly take it out of the batter and dip it into the hot oil or lard. It would fry very quickly. As soon as it was a golden brown it was lifted out and removed from the iron unto a piece of brown paper. Sometimes the edge of the rosette was dipped in sugar. They were very pretty when served on a plate.

In the early days the irons were round; now they can be bought in various shapes.

Fattigman

Fattigman translates into 'Poorman' and was also a popular coffee delicacy. Again you had a kettle, larger this time, in which was put the lard or oil to heat. Several could be fried at once so more oil surface was needed.

The dough was mixed and then a portion was rolled on the table with a rolling pin. This was not rolled nearly as thin as the lefse. After rolling it out to the thickness desired it was cut into a diamond shape approximately 3 inches by 1-1/2 inches. Then a slash was made lengthwise in the center. It was lifted off the table and one end was pulled part way through the slash and dropped into the hot lard to fry.

The mothers became so efficient that they would have as many frying as could fit onto the kettle's surface. When they were brown on one side they would turn them over with a fork and fry them on the other side. Sometimes they were dusted with icing sugar when they were cool.



Norwegian Wedding Cake made for Peter and Myrtle Bjornson's Golden Wedding, 1980.

Beds and Bugs

(by Norma Anderson)

When sleeping in comfort on spring-filled mattresses, not to mention foam mattresses and water beds, it is hard to realize that there was a

time when these were unheard of. Thinking back some sixty or more years, the straw mattresses come to mind.

Covers were made from thick ticking material. These were taken to the straw stack and filled with straw. This was usually done in the fall of the year, after threshing, when the straw was fresh and clean. What fun the children had the first few nights climbing up on the high rounded mattresses. Before very long the rounded tops were flattened considerably as there were usually more than one person in each bed. Most families were large and it was not uncommon for three children to share one bed.

Not only were there people occupying the beds, but unwelcome visitors called bedbugs. These bugs resembled small ladybugs and apparently came with the logs and lumber used in buildings. The little creature feasted on human blood at night, disrupting the victim's sleep. Most of the beds were wooden and the cracks made ideal places for them to hide. One way to trick them was to put out the light, wait for about fifteen minutes to give them time to come out of the cracks, light the lamp again and hurriedly kill them. Each morning before beds were made, a thorough hunt was made to capture any that might still be hiding there.

People would often move the beds to granaries during the summer months for a cooler place to sleep. This was an ideal time to get rid of bedbugs. Beds were doused with hot water, and the house fumigated with formaldehyde. There was also keating powder sprayed into cracks in beds and walls.

When the time came that inside walls were painted or papered, the bugs disappeared. Many were the sighs of relief when the battle against those pests was won.

House-papering Bees

(by Mary Finseth)

In the very early years the walls in the old log houses were covered with heavy building paper or even newspapers. Sometimes the pages from the T. Eaton Catalogue were used as well. The paste for this paper was made of flour and water.

Sometime later, when the frame houses were built and the walls were plastered, or logs covered with wall board, these were either painted or papered.

Wall paper was very bright and colorful as well as very reasonably priced. It came without glue, so again flour and water were used to make a paste to spread on this. Sometimes these ingredients were

boiled to make a smoother product. Later, glue came out in powder form in large boxes and you just added water to make a smooth paste to spread on the paper. In more recent years the paper is prepaste, and all one needs to do is dip it into a pan of water and hang it on the wall.

When someone in the community had a papering project to be accomplished, the hostess would invite the neighbor ladies to a papering 'Bee' for a certain day. By evening one or two rooms would be completely redecorated. These were very happy, fun days and showed the Community helping-spirit. Some of this is still carried on into our modern everyday life.

Stitches

(by Norma Anderson)

Many of the seniors today will remember the days when most of their clothing was homemade. Not all garments were made from beautiful new material. The white cotton flour and sugar bags were made good use of by the early seamstresses. The colored printing on the bags was removed with strong lye soap and hot water. The material was then dyed to desired colors. The T. Eaton catalogue came in handy for style ideas, and brown paper or newspaper for cutting patterns. By adding a bit of lace, rickrack, and ribbon, lovely dresses, blouses, aprons, and shirts were fashioned. Flour and sugar bags were also bleached white and sewn into underwear, pillowcases, bed sheets, tablecloths, curtains and dishtowels. Small salt bags made excellent dishcloths.

Clothing was not readily discarded at the first sign of wear. Coats were often ripped apart and turned inside out for a new look and a few more years of wear. The good parts of adult clothing, when discarded, were often used to make children's garments.

Sewing was done by hand before machines came into use. One of the first machines was turned with a hand-wheel. Then came the treadle, where the feet were put to work. Later, when the electric machine was introduced, the feet were given a rest.

Clothes Washing

(by Gladys Severson)

Clothes washing was a whole day's work and sometimes it extended into the second day for our pioneers. First it was necessary to carry the water into the house, possibly from the sloughs and creeks which had much more water in the early days. Some may have dug shallow wells as the

water table was much higher then than now. These wells were dug by hand to begin with. In the summer, rain water from the roofs was collected in barrels and snow was melted in the winter for their needs. A boiler, usually made of copper, was a necessity in which to heat the water. It was placed on the top of the kitchen stove. It would take an hour or two for the water to reach the desired heat for washing the clothes. When hot enough, it was put into a tub and the scrubbing board was put into use. The scrubbing board was a wooden frame with a ridged or corrugated surface of metal or glass. The clothes were rubbed up and down on the surface of the board to scrub the dirt out of them.

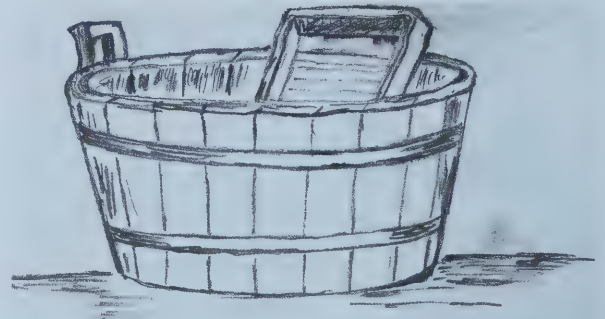
Scrubbing clothes on the wash board was very hard, backbreaking work. The mothers would have to stand in this position for hours at a time. After the white cotton clothes were scrubbed, they were placed in the boiler of water and soap and boiled. This was supposed to whiten the white clothes. After being scrubbed, boiled and rinsed the white

clothes were put in a tub of water which had 'blueing' added to it and rinsed again. They were finally hung outside to dry.

The 'blueing' was either in a liquid form or a solid, one inch block. If in a block it was put into a cloth and stirred in the water until the rinse was a pretty shade of blue. This too was a whitening agent.

The whites, except for a few of the finer material, were all made from white flour sack material which was a good quality of cotton but courser weave than our broadcloth today.

The men's woolen Stanfield underwear was a particularly difficult job on wash day. They were bulky and very heavy when wet. But, the mothers were persistent and got the job done. The scrubbing had to be done more carefully on the woolen garments in order to keep them from shrinking. The wringing of the clothes was also done by hand.



When the clothes were clean, it was time to hang them on the clothes line to dry. This was rather pleasant on a nice summer day. A breeze which moved the clothes as they were drying caused them to be quite soft by the time they were brought in. The clothes always smelled especially nice after drying outside.

Drying clothes in the winter was not as pleasant. The clothes pins would freeze on the garments so it was difficult and very cold on the fingers to get them off the line. The frozen garments were brought in and spread around the house to finish drying. Clothes lines were made from twine and fastened from one wall to another. This was rather unpleasant but there was no other way to get the clothes dry. A few years later some were fortunate enough to buy a wooden clothes horse that had many rungs. The wet clothes were placed on the rungs of the clothes horse and carried outside to freeze. These clothes horses



Washing clothes on a scrub board, 1941.

would collapse when lifted so one could get them through the door. In the evening, the clothes horse was brought back into the house so the clothes could finish drying. It was important that the clothes freeze as it was felt that the clothes became softer than if dried in the house. The wind in the summer made them soft and fluffy.

As the years went by the washing machine appeared. One of the first was called a cradle machine. It had baffles inside and was powered by a person pushing a lever back and forth that caused the cradle to rock and the clothes to be moved back and forth against the baffles. This machine had a metal body.

There was also another hand washing machine where there was a dasher inside. Again, someone pushed the handle back and forth causing the dasher to move back and forth. The tub part of this machine was made of wood. There was a wringer fastened at the back of this machine. The clothes would be fed into the rollers with one hand while the handle was turned with the other hand.



Washing clothes with a hand machine, 1946.

Next came the machine with an enamel covered metal body. This one had a single cylinder gas powered engine that made the dasher turn. When a lever was turned the wringer would operate. The motor was started by stepping on a foot pedal. This was sometimes hard to start and was very noisy. The exhaust would have to be directed outside.

The next big improvement was a wash machine with an electric motor which ran with almost no sound. These came as electricity became available. Probably the first ones came around 1947 1948.

Now, of course, we have water in the taps and automatic washers and dryers. A regular wash day

is no longer needed. Clothes can be washed any time of day and any day of the week. Very little effort is required with the washing or drying of clothes when one has these conveniences.

Ironing

Much of the fabric in the clothing at the time of the pioneers was made of cotton and required careful ironing. The men's dress shirts were made of cotton broadcloth. They needed to be ironed on both the inside and the outside in order to get them smooth. Usually, the evening before ironing day, the clothes would be sprinkled with water and rolled up tightly and placed in a towel or something large enough to hold them firm. This would cause the dampness to penetrate evenly into each garment.

The first irons were the 'sad irons'. These were made from iron and were quite heavy. There were three in a set with a separate wooden handle that could be attached to the iron in use. The sad irons were placed on the hottest part of the wood and coal kitchen stove. A steady fire was kept going on ironing day to keep the irons hot. A smooth blanket or sheet, in several layers, was put on the table to make a smooth place on which to iron. Years later, the ironing board was introduced.

The irons were alternated when in use in order to reheat the one which had cooled off as the person ironed the clothes. The wooden handle was put on each iron in turn. The irons had to be hot but not too hot or else the garment would be scorched. This would cause a yellowish-brown area on the material. Ironing took patience and skill.

There were other styles of irons which were also heated on the stove, but the sad iron was the most common.

An iron with a small bowl containing gasoline was the next method. This was lit and the burning gasoline would create the heat in the iron. Extreme care had to be taken as the flame in the bowl could scorch the material in the garment if it got too close.

After electricity was available the electric irons were a wonderful improvement. The electric steam iron was a still greater convenience.

There is a big difference in the amount of ironing that is done today. So much of the fabric is made to require very little, if any, ironing.

The linen tablecloth was used on the dinner tables on Sunday or for special occasions. Ironing them with the sad irons was a very big job. They needed to be ironed on the right side, then turned over and ironed on the wrong side and then on

the right side again before they were smooth. Now they were ready to grace the table again.

In the summer the house would become almost unbearably warm on washing and ironing days because the fire had to be kept going in order to heat the water and keep the irons hot. Some folks were lucky enough to have some type of mosquito netting or screen on the windows so they could keep some air moving through the room.

“I would expect I could speak for all the pioneer mothers, but my memory is of my own mother as I remember her washing and ironing the clothes. Carrying in the water, standing over the scrubbing board for hours, and later doing all the ironing. She must have been exhausted! And yet, I can never remember hearing one complaint from her. I can not remember her becoming impatient with all the small children as her days work was nearing completion. It was a day of real toil. It must have been the love and devotion to their families that made it possible to do so much and to do it so willingly.”

Soap Making

The first operation for making soap was to render the fat. To render means to melt the fat from either pork or beef then strain so there would be no impurities left in the fat. The fat, of both pork and beef was cut up into cubes. The Rude family had a large cast iron kettle which had a

capacity of 20-30 gallons. The fat was put into this kettle and a fire was built underneath it. The advantage of this method was that it could be done outdoors. This had to be tended with care as the fire must not get too hot or else the fat would burn. So it was a slow process. If the fire got too hot, water was poured on the fire to regulate the heat. Those who did not have a large outdoor kettle would place the cut up fat in a large pan and render it in the oven.

Now the soap making could be done. This is Borghild Rude's recipe. The ingredients needed for one batch were: 1 can of lye, 2 1/2 pints rainwater, 4 pounds of rendered fat, and 2 stone crocks. Method: Put the lye in a crock and pour the lukewarm water over the lye. Stir with a wooden spoon. Pour the warm fat into the second crock. It should be slightly cooler than the lye solution. Then add the lye solution to the warm fat and stir. Before this mixture, which is soap, solidifies, pour it into a clean box or dish pan to stiffen. Let the soap settle for a couple of days before cutting into bars. This is the clothes washing soap that was used for years and years.

“I can remember, when the white clothes were boiled, my mother carved off chips from the bar of lye soap and put them into the boiler with the clothes. As they boiled she would use a wooden stick to raise the clothes so the mixture of water and soap would be distributed evenly.”

Organizations

BARDO CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

by Gladys Severson

The first settlers of the Bardo area arrived in May 1894. By the end of the year the numbers had increased considerably. Little did they realize how soon a cemetery plot would be needed. The very first winter, a baby girl was born to Mrs. Johannes Johnson. She lived only two days. This wee baby, Inga, was a sister of Norma Anderson's mother, who was also named Inga. Since there was no cemetery, the baby was buried on the Lars Foshaug homestead. Later, when the cemetery was established, the grave was moved to the new location.



Bardo Cemetery Annual Meeting after the "clean-up".

The chosen site for the cemetery was to the north-east of the log school which had been built in 1898. Martin Hansen, who homesteaded that land, donated the acre of land for the cemetery, which was established that same year. Before the turn of the century several of the pioneers had been laid to rest in this beautiful location. The first grave was that of Mrs. Frank Dubois. The Dubois' homesteaded SW-6-49-18-4.

The cemetery was registered as, The Zion Cemetery, in August 1905. Mrs. Frank Hills was instrumental in organizing the cemetery society



Trina Johnson's funeral procession. Bardo, Alberta, 1909.

with the objective being the beautification and upkeep of the cemetery grounds. This organization is still functioning. Later the name "Zion Cemetery" was changed and is now registered with the Land Titles Office as the Bardo Cemetery Association. This name change proved to be quite complicated. Before it could be finalized the Government had to vote to make a change in the Cemetery Act in order that the name could officially be changed from Zion Cemetery to the Bardo Cemetery Association.

Although the cemetery was begun by members of the Bardo Lutheran Congregation, it is not under the jurisdiction of the church. The Bardo Cemetery is a public facility which is available to those who choose to use it. The outer border of



Bardo Cemetery before the fence was built.

large spruce trees adds particular beauty to the area. Many of the pioneer descendants who have lived elsewhere for many years have chosen to come back home for their final earthly resting place in the Bardo Cemetery. Blessed be their memories!



Bardo Cemetery – Established, 1898.

HISTORY OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

1898 – 1994

by Mary Finseth

The first settlers came to the Bardo district in 1894. In a very short while the ladies began discussing the possibility of forming a Ladies' Aid. The men gave little encouragement since the settlers were few and far between, but the ladies persevered. A few of the pioneers who had settled in the Amisk Creek area joined with the ladies in Bardo to form the Ladies' Aid. This was the first organized Ladies' Aid in the Lutheran Church in Western Canada.

One of the first difficulties was how to get started because money was scarce. The Reverend Bersvend Anderson wrote the first constitution for the Ladies' Aid. The decision was made to set an annual fee of 10 cents per member. This would make it possible to purchase material with which they could begin to make articles for the coming



Bardo Ladies' Aid at the John Anderson home, approximately 1910. Back Row: Ingeborg Eggen, Alice Rorem, Marthea Hagen, Bergitte Bartness, Ovidia Breckan, Gertie (Lerbekmo) Yoder, Ane Haugseth, Agnethe Jensen, Kjerstina Moen, Clara (Jenson) Flotten. Second Row: Dorthea Lerbekmo, Gjertrud Eggen, Barbro Finseth, Siri Haakstad, Ingrid Johnson, Maria Johnson. Third Row: Bersvend Anderson, Marit Anderson, ? Liveltan, Ruth Liveltan, Maria Nordhus, Maria Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Agnetta Nelson, Karen Jevning, Anna Stronstad, Melvin Stronstad. Front Row: Annie Johnson, Huldah (Johnson) Lunberg, Anna (Jevning) Woloschuck, John Anderson, Mabel (Jevning) Falkeid, Carey (Breckan) Moore, Minnie (Johnson) Sorgaard, Hjordis (Nelson) Knutslie, Emma (Anderson) Eide, Bernard Anderson.

bazaar. Meetings were held in the various homes. It mattered not whether the home had a sod roof or a dirt floor, a hearty welcome awaited each one. They often gathered in the forenoons so there was time for the meeting as well as a time for sewing. There were no automobiles, not even a buggy or wagon was available for the ladies to get to their meetings, so they walked. The paths often meant wading through sloughs in summer or skiing over snowdrifts in winter. In summer one had thousands of mosquitoes for company along the way. Many mothers carried a baby in their arms, but it was worth the effort to be able to share these infrequent times together.

In the fall of 1898, the first bazaar was held. The ladies served a free prairie chicken dinner. The sale of the articles totalled \$60.00. The Ladies' Aid was a tremendous help to the congregation financially. Everyone rejoiced in 1908 when the first church was built and there was a special gathering place. The meetings were conducted in Norwegian until the early 1930's. The Ladies' Aid helped to install the furnace and other fixtures. After the church was struck by lightning in 1921, a new task faced them. A new church was built making more work for the men and women. Only a united effort made things possible.

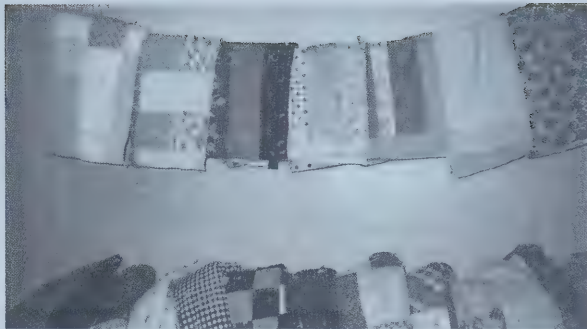
In 1921, the Ladies' Aid decided to unite with the Women's Missionary Federation (W.M.F.) of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. The first W.M.F. convention was held in Wetaskiwin in 1939.



Bardo Ladies' Aid.

For many years money was raised by means of auction sales of handmade articles. They sold embroidery, quilts, aprons, and knitted articles. For a number of years, the annual lutefisk dinner was a regular highlight. Money was raised in this way until 1939.

Beginning in 1939, an offering was taken at the monthly meetings and in the fall a special



Evangelical Lutheran Women, quilts, 1992.

“Ingathering Day” was held. In the last years this was changed to “Thank Offering.” At the Thank Offering service a guest speaker and special music are featured. The offering goes to projects which are based on Acts 1:8 where Jesus called us to reach out to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

In January 1961, when the churches merged, the name W.M.F. was changed to Lutheran Church Women. A new program was introduced and the Bible Study became an important part of the monthly meetings.

Building the present church and parsonage continued to be a united effort of the congregation and the L.C.W. The men were better with the saws and hammers but there were always special jobs for the ladies when it came to cleaning and painting. The L.C.W. furnished the kitchen as well as other items in the church. We continue to contribute support to Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots and Hastings Lake Bible Camp. Every winter the ladies have made quilts which have been sent to Lutheran World Relief, Saddle Lake Indian Reserve and L.A.M.P. Many Activity materials, Klenli-Kits and baby layettes have also been



Evangelical Lutheran Church Women. Quilting, 1992.

assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief. As a local project the ladies have gathered at church with their Christmas baking and packed and delivered hampers to friends whom we know enjoy the flavor of home baking.

In 1980, another program change was made. It was now decided to divide the members into circles for Bible study. The circles meet monthly in homes. Many of the members take turns at leading the Bible study. The small groups give more opportunity for individual participation in the discussions. There is a general meeting, at the church, once a month where the business is carried on and decisions made.



Evangelical Lutheran Women's Meeting – January 6, 1988. Standing: Myrtle Bjornson, Evelyn Foshaug, Bernice Heiberg, Joanne Rude, Gail Foshaug, Alice Stokkan, Mavis Jacobsen, Gladys Severson, Evelyne Stauffer, Irene Lokken, Selma Cinnamon, Diane Rude. Sitting: Borghild Rude, Norma Anderson, Alfild Precht.

We continue to give praise and thanks to God for His many blessings. We are thankful for the faith and perseverance of those early pioneers who blazed the trail. We are thankful for those who have followed them down through the years and also to those today who are giving the same dedicated service through the Evangelical Lutheran Women. It is our prayer that we will be faithful as we carry on the work of God's Kingdom, to His glory and honor.

GIRLS' SOCIETIES

1898 – 1994

by Mary Finseth

There have been several girls' sewing societies. The first was the hardy Busy Bee Band, organized in 1899 by the daughters of the pioneers, and their grand achievement was the placing of an organ in the school. Later came the Sunbeam Circle for the

junior girls. Although short lived, this little group also accomplished some worthwhile things. After the year 1907, the Thimble Club was started and it has a long record of service to the local church and to missions. The members of the club installed an organ in the first church and paid for the altar and picture in the second church, besides providing an Honor Roll in World War I. In 1934, the name Thimble Club was changed to Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation and the local became part of the international organization, with special interest in the Alaska Mission. A Junior L.D.R. carried on for some years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1898 – 1994

by Mary Finseth

The Sunday School was the first definite organization formed after the organization of the church. It was conducted in Finseth's home even before the floor was laid. A great number of children have gone in and out of its classes and it has been truly said that the work of the Bardo Sunday School has been one of the most important branches of the Christian activities of this congregation.

The children of the Sunday School have, through their offerings, helped various mission causes. They also provided the money for the Baptismal Font for the second church; as well as the Hymn Board for the present church. The offerings continue to support various mission projects. The Sunday School continues to be a source of outreach in our congregation.



Bardo Sunday School Christmas Program, 1963. Back Row: Phyllis Foshaug, Donna Mosby, Douglas Finseth, Lyle Heiberg, Barry Mosby, Ronald Foshaug, Kenneth Stauffer, Gwen Foshaug, Glenda Foshaug, Glenda Mosby. Second Row: Lorraine Korobko, Faye Anderson, Grace Heiberg, Donald Korobko, Donald Brekkan, Sandra Anderson, Ivy Mosby, Linda Rude, David Francis. Front Row: Brian Rude, Keith Finseth, Elsa Heiberg, Darlene Rude, Carol Ann Francis, Lois Rude, Ilene Francis.

PRAYER MEETING

1898 – 1994

by Mary Finseth

Finally, a word must be added about the faithful old-fashioned prayer meeting which was a vital part of this congregation's life since its early days. Many are the souls who have been inspired and many the hearts that have been strengthened by its simple and humble service and lasting influence.

LUTHER LEAGUE

1898 – 1994

by Mary Finseth

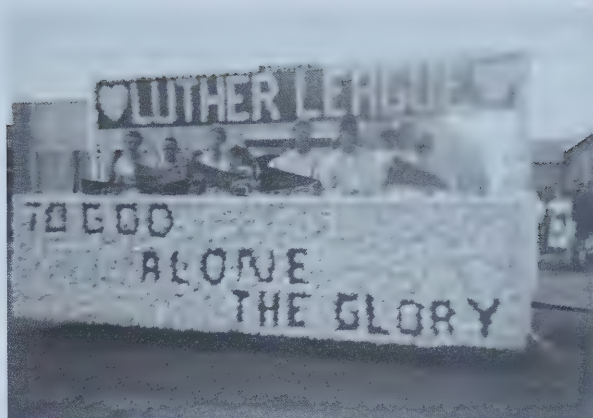
The Young People's Society appeared in 1910. It united with other locals in 1916 to form the Central Alberta Young People's League. This League had for its project the support of a missionary to China, Nelius Ronning. After the sad drowning accident which claimed this talented and consecrated young life, his place was taken by two other members of the Bardo Y.P.S., Adelia (Rorem) and Palmer Anderson.

The Young People's Society also worked for the improvement of the church at home, and after the time of the fire, raised money for the buying of the new pews for the second church.

In 1936 the local affiliated with the International Young People's Luther League and for years has carried on as an active organization for the youth.



Canada District, Luther League Convention in Grande Prairie, Alberta.



Luther League Float in Tofield Parade – July 1, 1960.

CHOIR, 1898 – 1994

by Mary Finseth

There has been a choir in the community since the first one sang at the Christmas Celebration 100 years ago. Mr. P. B. Anderson continued as its leader for about twenty-five years. Mr. W. J. Bower, a former school teacher is especially remembered for leading the young people in the rendition of the first Sacred Contata; and Reverend O. K. Blomlie for his short but inspiring term as choir leader. There has been both a Ladies Chorus and a Male Chorus, the latter especially, being an outstanding musical organization. The people of Bardo have always loved good music and have produced some fine musical talent.



Bardo Ladies' Chorus, about 1944. Director, Alice Broughton. Pianist, Corinne Haukedal.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

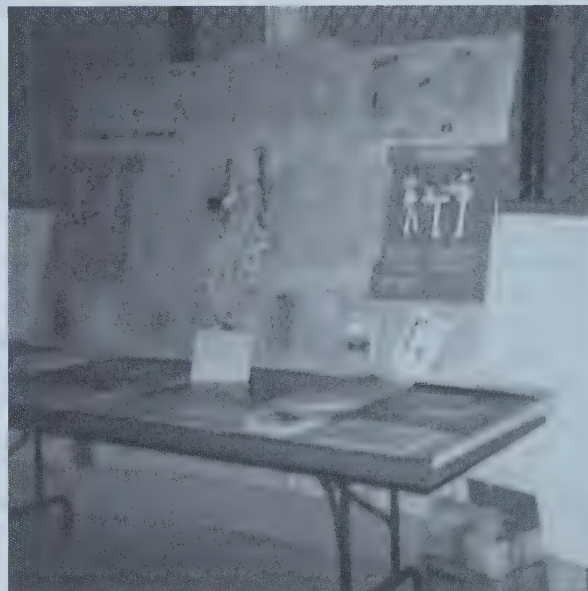
by Borghild Rude

In early 1900 the Amisk Creek, and the Bardo area pioneer men and women, signed the pledge and became members of the Canadian Temperance Society. Very little is known about their activities or when they disbanded.

Later a group of ladies from the Bardo-Grand Forks districts felt the need to help fight the evils of the rampant liquor traffic. They met on March 13, 1910, at the home of Mrs. Frank Lewis to organize a branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). The executive elected was: President, Mrs. Bailey; Secretary, Mrs. Nelson; both of the Grand Forks district; First Vice-President, Mrs. P. B. Anderson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Parker, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. Parker, Sr. The Parker and Lewis families lived on the one-half section now owned and occupied by the Ken Stauffer family. Others present were Magda (Anderson) Hendrickson, and Rev. and Mrs. R. Whillans. Mrs. Whillans was president of the Tofield Union at the time.

When they disbanded, for reasons unknown, there was no active union in Bardo until 1937 when the Ryley Union felt the need to get more chapters involved. They came to help get one started again. Over twenty ladies signed up for membership. Many Sunday Schools and schools were involved in the Scientific Temperance Instruction and Elocution contests. It was rewarding to see the enthusiasm shown by many children. Parties were organized for a time of fun and fellowship, as well as presentations of prizes and awards for excellent posters of which some were sent on to the district and then to the Province for judging.

Both the district and provincial conventions were hosted at different times. It became difficult to carry on, when some members had died and some moved out of the district. In 1979, it was with deep regret that the work of teaching the youngsters and others the harmful effect of alcoholic beverages was discontinued. However, ten ladies decided they could still be a part of the work by becoming Out Post Members of the active Camrose Union. In later years this also came to an end.



W.C.T.U. display at the Tofield Fair, 1978.

COMMUNITY PASTURES

by Mary Finseth

When the early pioneers came to the wide and open spaces of this area, the majority of them brought a few cattle and horses. At that time the country was referred to as the "open range" where animals could run at large and crops had to be fenced. But, as the settlement grew and increased in number, the law was changed. Now it was known as the "herd law" and the cattle had to remain inside the fences.

When the open range was no longer available to cattle owners, and as more people were moving into the area there was less land available for pastures. So, in 1920, the Dominion Government released an area, which had earlier been set aside as a forest reserve, for a grazing reserve. This was the first community pasture in Central Alberta. It was formed by the Blackfoot Stock Association at North Cooking Lake.



WCTU regular monthly meeting at LeRoy Finseth home, 1970. Standing: Iris Francis, Laura Francis, Lillian Berrecloth, Borghild Rude, Pauline Rude, Mrs. McCowan, Marie Francis. Seated: Mary Finseth, Nora Anderson, Norma Anderson, Anna Takema, Anne Anderson.



Chasing cattle to the summer pasture, 1958.

A prairie fire had swept through the reserve destroying much of the timber but a fine growth of grass came on the burned areas making an ideal grazing area for cattle.

When the Blackfoot Stock association was formed in 1920, the membership was \$1.00 and the fee was \$2.50 per head per season. As the years have progressed both membership and fees have increased considerably. Many farmers from the Bardo community became members of the Association and have also been directors.

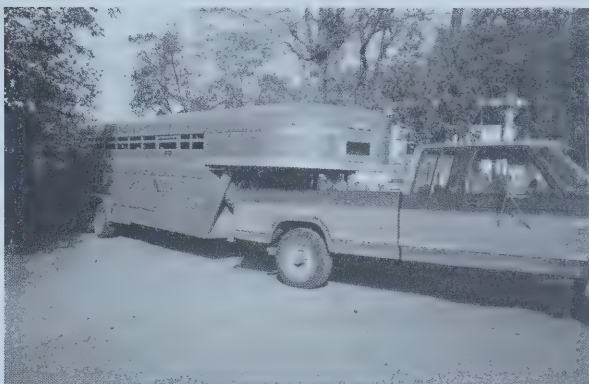
When farmers first started putting cattle in the Reserve, it meant chasing them the sixteen miles on horseback in the spring. Then, in the fall, they again rode horseback, leaving early in the morning to reach the Reserve at break of day. By the time they had the cattle rounded up, in the corrals and sorted, it would be past noon. They then started the long trip home again often arriving after dark. The people involved with this type of excursions will never forget them.

Farmers are still using the Reserve for summer pasture for their cattle but now the cattle are



Ready to chase cattle to the summer pasture, 1959.

trucked or hauled in trailers over good roads instead of trails. This, too, is known as progress in our modern age.



Modern way of moving cattle to the summer pasture.

4-H History

by Doug Finseth

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living
For my club, my community and
my country."



4-H Emblem.

The young people that were, are, or will be in 4-H follow both this pledge and the 4-H Motto, "Learn to Do by Doing". In the process they learn what it takes to be outstanding, successful citizens.

4-H training encompasses public speaking, debating, record keeping, parliamentary procedure, and the responsibility of different positions on an executive. 4-H projects include sewing, photography, food, woodwork, crafts, grain, swine, beef and horses.

Many young people in the Bardo community have actively taken part in 4-H over the years. These experiences continue to have a positive impact on their lives, whatever occupation they now follow.

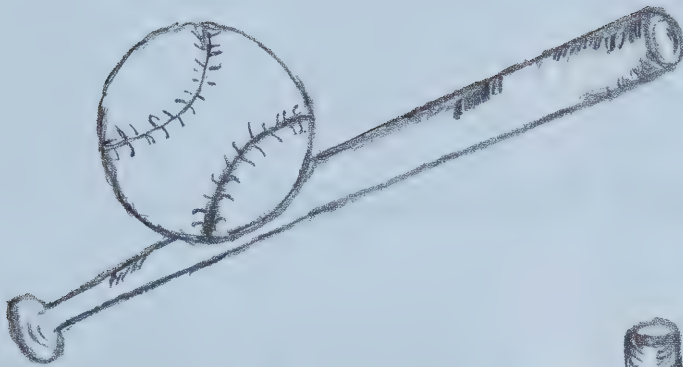
Many adults, too numerous to mention, have also supported and encouraged 4-H clubs over the



4-H Beef Club in Tofield.

years, but two people from Bardo deserve special recognition for their leadership roles in 4-H. Andy Heiberg was a firm believer and promoter of 4-H, both at the local level and in the County of Beaver. Andy was assistant leader of the Tofield Beef Club from the mid-sixties until his passing. He encouraged a great number of young people from this community to become involved in 4-H during those years. Also worthy of note is Roberta Ceretzke. Roberta was responsible for starting the Tofield 4-H Light Horse Club, and continues to be its leader.

“We thank thee Lord for blessings great,
On this our own fair land.
Teach us to serve thee joyfully
With Head, Heart, Health and Hand.”



Bardo Sports and Recreation

(by Leonard Stauffer)

Recreation and sports have always played an important part in Bardo's history. In the early days of the Bardo Community they had to improvise to entertain themselves. As time went on many events took place, which have been told in the book, 'Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta'.

Some of the main entertainment was the Bardo baseball, the Bardo Brass Band and the basketball. These were referred to as the three 'B's'.

The ladies basketball team was started in 1915-1916. They were first coached by a school teacher by the name of Robert Scott. The girls looked smart in their blue and white uniforms with Bardo across the front. A game had been arranged with Ryley before they had had much time to practice. None of them had played the game before. Mr. Scott started by trying to instruct the girls in defense and that is as far as he got before it was time to play. However, they played anyway and lost the game. I'm sure the score of that first game should be in the Records Book. Have you ever heard of a basketball score of 2 to 0? As time



?, Gertie (Lerbekmo) Yoder, Borghild (Moen) Rolfstad, Inga (Johnson) Haugland, Petra (Lerbekmo) Stauffer, Loolah (Hills) Lerbekmo.

went on this team and teams that followed were successful and won a lot more games than they lost.

About the mid-twenties interest waned and it is sad to say that basketball died out. Some years later, ladies softball started to be played and although not as well organized as the basketball, it was played for a number of years.



Bardo Basketball Team during the 1920's. Back Row: Nora Rude, Olfrid Moen, Agnes Jensen, Petra Lerbekmo, Myrtle Rude. Front Row: George Moen (coach), Hannah Jensen, Joe Olstad (manager).



Bardo Basketball Team, 1916. Inga (Johnson) Haugland, Petra (Lerbekmo) Stauffer, Gertie (Lerbekmo) Yoder, Borghild (Moen) Rolfstad, Loolah (Hills) Lerbekmo, Hannah (Jenson) Sand.

Rifle shooting, golf, horseshoe, hockey and baseball have all been a part of the sports scene in Bardo. Up to 1945 each were individual organizations. At this time an attempt was made to amalgamate them all under one organization.

It had been hard to finance each one and it was thought that by having one group to sponsor all the recreational activities, funds could be found more easily.

On April 6, 1945, a meeting was called, and everyone thought this would be a good idea, so the appropriate committees were elected. The Bardo Athletic Association was formed on April 12, 1945.

The first Executive was: President – Pete Bjornson; Vice-President – Iver Moen; Secretary-Treasurer – Earl Kindley; Baseball – Emil Rude;



Peter Bjornson in the center. Three-man jump exhibition, Edmonton, 1940.



Peter Bjornson, Dominion Ski Tournament at Mt. Norquay near Banff, Alberta, 1946.

Softball – George Foshaug; Volley ball – Eldon Moen; Golf – Eddie Steen; Gun Club – Ivan Foshaug; Horseshoe – Albert Haukedal; Hockey – Leonard Stauffer; Rink Manager Clifford Anderson. Several of these activities have become inactive, but because of the Constitution, whenever enough interest is shown, they can be revived.

When the Anderson school was closed in 1959, the County indicated that the buildings and grounds could be taken over by the community, but in order to get title to the property, the organization had to be incorporated under the Societies Act. When the application was first presented, the name Bardo Athletic Association was not acceptable, therefore, the name was changed to “The Bardo Recreation Association”, which was incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta. Now we have a nice building, and grounds for our Community Centre.

Rifle Shooting

Rifle and shotgun shooting have always been enjoyed by many of the residents of Bardo. There was an organized club as early as 1899. An annual fee of twenty-five cents per member was charged. A motion had been passed that they would meet once a month and hold shooting matches twice a year. It was noted that one of the main attractions at the first July 1st Sports Day in 1900, was a rifle shooting competition. In 1902 they had a membership of twenty-five and had a shooting match in June of that year. The first prize of \$1.30 went to John Lerbekmo. The last prize went to Jacob Boness, who received ten cents!

Bardo held a two-day sports celebration in 1969, to commemorate the Diamond (75th) Anniversary of the Community, at which time the rifle and shotgun shooting competition was again held. It created much interest.

Turkey Shoots

Turkey shoots were held in the 1960's. A trap was built which allowed these contests to be held in the Bardo Centre. Many of these events were contested by twenty to thirty participants. You can see this sport was enjoyed by many. Skeet and Trap Shooting with shotguns has also been enjoyed by some.

Big Game hunting has played a part in the lives of many Bardo people. Throughout the years, quite a few lockers and freezers have held a lot of wild game such as moose, elk and deer. Duck and goose hunting have also been enjoyed and many threshers' meals were made up of wild fowl.



Moose-hunting – a Two-Pointer. Lars Foshaug, Ben Anderson, Tom Rorem.



George W. Lawson and moose hunted at Green Court, Alberta.



Herman Lawson and prize deer, weighing 263 pounds, 1920.



Hunters – Leonard Stauffer and his father-in-law, Herman Lawson.



Franklin Hills, Bardo, 1914.

Hockey

In the first days of Bardo, hockey and skating were popular on the creeks and sloughs in the community. In the 1920's hockey rinks began to appear with just a board around the rink. The rinks were located at various sites in the community. The rink was located at Benny Anderson's in 1923. About six years ago Phillip Anderson was working the land in the slough and

uncovered a hockey puck with the letter 'B' on it. The puck was placed in the Tofield Museum. Another rink was located one half mile between the Lars Foshaug farm and Martin Hagen's west quarter, next to the line fence. In 1928 Clarence Rude dug a dam on the Hills place and the rink was there for a while. A portable granary was pulled to the site to be used for a place to put on skates. The next rink was made on the dam which the community had built, below the Moen home now owned by Charles Rude. In 1935 the rink was built in the creek next to the school yard and the last rink was located north of the present ball diamond on the Jevning land. This one had a regulation size fence with its own well, which was used to flood it. Even though Bardo had all these rinks, none of them had lights, so hockey had to be played in the day time. Because of this the teams played most of their games away from home. Their games were played at Round Hill, Kingman, Ryley, Camrose and Tofield. Surprisingly enough, they won their share of games. In 1936 and 1937 they went through the season undefeated. There was a hockey team until 1940.



Bardo Hockey Team, 1935. Back Row: Ivan Foshaug, Joe Roth, Leonard Stauffer, Roy Roth. Kneeling: Dave Lehman, Eddie Steen, Alvin Steen, Benny Moen. Standing in front: Art Moen.



Mennonite Hockey Team, 1935.

Baseball

Baseball is still being played in Bardo, so a little history of this sport in Bardo merits a few remarks. The Bardo Baseball team was first organized in 1903 and has operated every year since. It is probably the oldest team in Alberta that has been in continuous operation. It was organized by a teacher, Mr. Marr, and a local person, Mr. John A. Johnson. Some of the players were: John A. Johnson, Pete Johnson, Hilmar Johnson, Bill Mitchell, Dave Mitchell, Torval Brocke, Gunder Brocke, Pete Lerbekmo, Bill Sears, Andrew Ovelson and Ingmar Olson.



Bardo Ball Team. Back Row: Sigvert Berg, Eddy Haakstad, Hans Haakstad, Hilmar Johnson. Middle Row: John Johnson, Olaf Johnson. Front Row: Rudolf Johnson, Pete Johnson, Selmer Johnson, Marvin Johnson.

Down through the years, a great number of players have performed for the 'Bardo Athletics' as they are now called. Some of the families that have contributed quite a number of players to the team are: Anderson, Steen, Foshaug, Rude, Finseth, Kindley, Lerbekmo, Johnson, Lampitt, Stauffer, Erickson, Moen, Heiberg, Olson and Francis. Although they never became famous for their ability, they have most always had a competitive club, and have had their moments of triumph as well as defeat.

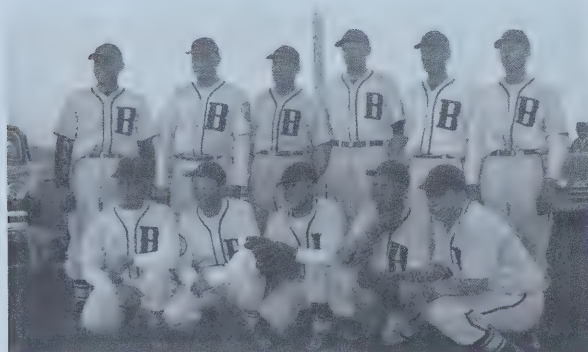
Bardo, along with Ketchamoot, Kingman and Round Hill were the first members of the Powerline League which was formed in 1932. Bardo is the lone survivor of the original teams in the Powerline League.

Some of the highlights of sports in Bardo came in 1951 and 1952. In 1951, a baseball team from the district of Northfield, north-west of Grande



Bardo Ball Team, 1978. Back Row: Andy Heiberg, Gordon Heiberg, Lyle Heiberg, Larry Foshaug, Ken Stauffer, Bob Foshaug, Warren Stauffer, Mervin Reist. Front Row: Ron Foshaug, Walter Riediger, Keith Finseth, Don Boettger, David Francis, Allen Reist.

Prairie, came to our area for a series of baseball games with Bardo and the surrounding teams. In 1952 the Bardo Baseball Team returned to the Peace River Country and played eight games there. Most of the Northfield players were descendants of the families that left Bardo in the 1910-1920 era and settled in the LaGlace district. The players of



Bardo Ball Team – July, 1952. Back Row: Eystein Heiberg, Arnold Bailey, Ivan Foshaug, Leonard Stauffer, Eldon Moen, Harold Kindley. Front Row: Charles Rude, Phillip Anderson, Bjarne Erickson, Andy Heiberg, Dale Barrows.



The Bardo Ball Team travelled to LaGlace.

both teams were either related or well acquainted with each other. A very good time was had by all.

The ball diamond has been located on the Anderson School grounds since the property was taken over by the community for a recreation centre, and the Bardo Recreation Association was formed in 1959. The team has competed every year since its beginning and is the only team that can make that claim. How does a small rural community keep a team going so long and be able to be competitive against larger centres? One reason, is the fact that the Community really likes baseball. There have also been those willing to give of their time to keep it going, but possibly the best reason is the fact that most of the players are out for recreation and fun first. Winning, although important, is kept in its proper place. Also the fact that the players are mostly local boys, and anyone wanting to play is allowed to take part. How much longer they will be able to continue is anyone's guess, but as long as it continues to operate fairly, they will keep on playing ball in Bardo!

There are a couple of incidences that have occurred with baseball in Bardo that will likely be remembered for a long time. One year at the ball tournament connected with the July 1st Sports Day in Tofield, Bardo was behind in the game 14 to 7 in the last inning, with Bardo having last bat. There were two out and nobody on base, but before they had the third out, eight runs were scored and the last out never occurred. Bardo won 15 to 14!

Another time in the League Semi-finals play off, Bardo was leading the game 2 to 1 with none out in the visiting team's last bat. The visitors got the first two batters on first and second. The pitcher was changed and a new one put in. On the first pitch he threw to the batter, the ball was hit on a line drive to the short stop who caught the ball, threw to second base and caught the base runner off base. Then the throw to first base was in time to catch the runner for the third out. This is likely a record which will not happen again. That is, for a pitcher, with none out, to throw only one ball and retire the side.

Two events of importance occurred in 1977. The Bardo Team was the Powerline League Champions and the Alberta Baseball Association formed a division in Alberta for the Old Timers, namely, the Twi-light Division. Leonard Stauffer organized a team made up of players from the Powerline Baseball League. A number of players were originally members of the Bardo Athletic Association.

As progress continues, especially with roads and communication, the small rural communities find it harder and harder to keep their teams, because facilities become more expensive.

More and more citizens are now taking part



Presentation of the Memorial trophy – June, 1993. Frank Johnsrud, Evelyne Stauffer, Warren and Taryn Stauffer.



The "Pride of Bardo" Baseball Trophy, in memory of Leonard Stauffer.

in Tofield, especially in golf, curling and hockey. With a very good paved road and better vehicles, these activities have become more accessible.

Editor's comments:

Frank Johnsrude sponsored a special trophy entitled "Pride of Bardo" which was unveiled by Evelyne Stauffer and son, Warren, at the Bardo Sports Day, June 12, 1993.

This trophy was later presented to the champion baseball team of the tournament, in memory of Leonard (Lefty) Stauffer who passed away on February 18, 1993. It was fitting that the Bardo team won the Bardo tournament.

Frank Johnsrude, an original teammate of Leonard's from 1936, stated that the purpose of the trophy is to promote the Bardo Sports Day and is dedicated to Leonard Stauffer, a man who loved the game of baseball. The trophy is to be presented annually to the champion team at the Bardo Sports Day. The name of the winning team will be inscribed on individual plaques on the trophy.



Bardo Ball Team, 1946. Phillip, Leif, Ivan, Eystein, Leonard, Charles, Andy, Clifford, Eldon. Coach, Emil Rude.



Bardo Ball Team, 1962. Back Row: Lars Rude, Andy Heiberg, Larry Foshaug, Richard Foshaug, Leonard Stauffer. Front Row: Lawrence Rude, Merlin Rude, Al Roth, Carl Nelson.



Old-timers (1969), from the original ball team. Taken at Bardo's 75th Anniversary. Hilmar Johnson, Elmer Anderson, Emil Rude, Pete Lerbekmo, Clarence Rude, Edward Steen. (The Camrose Canadian, June 13-14, 1969).



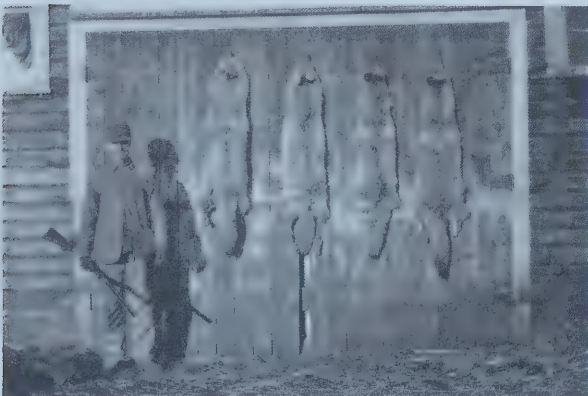
Hilmar Johnson, 81 years of age, tossed the first ball to catcher, Clarence Rude, 79 years of age. (The Mercury, June 13 and 14, 1969).



Bardo Baseball Team, 1977. Back Row: Kenneth Stauffer, Ronald Foshaug, Bjarne Erickson, LeRoy Finseth, Leonard Stauffer. Front Row (Old Timers): Leif Foshaug, Ivan Foshaug, Julius Lerbekmo, Robert Berrecloth, Emil Rude, Pete Lerbekmo.



Clarence, Merlin and Lars Rude. Duck-hunting, 1947 or 1948.



George W. Lawson and coyotes, 1924.



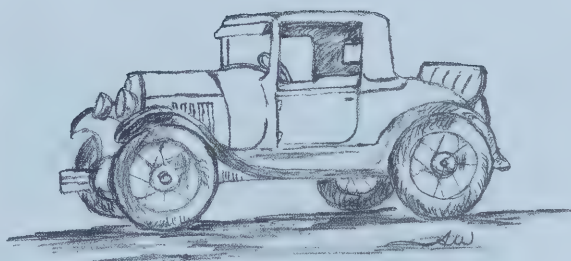
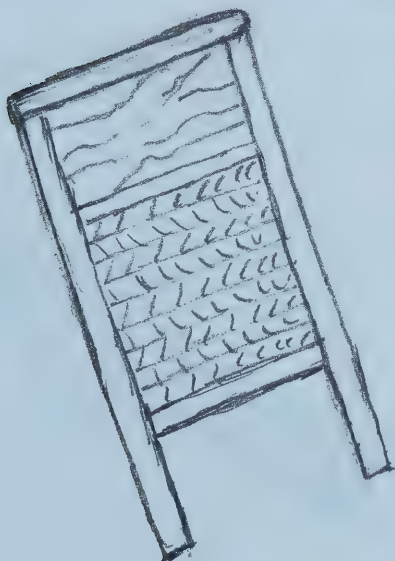
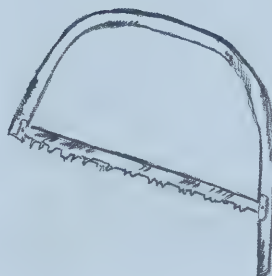
Peter Bjornson and some of his ski trophies taken in 1973-74.

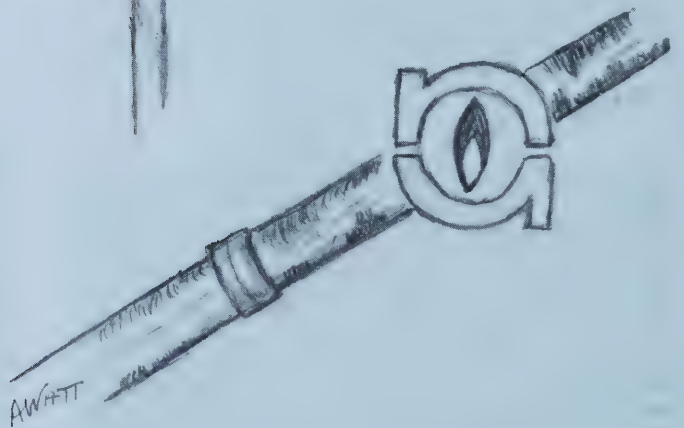
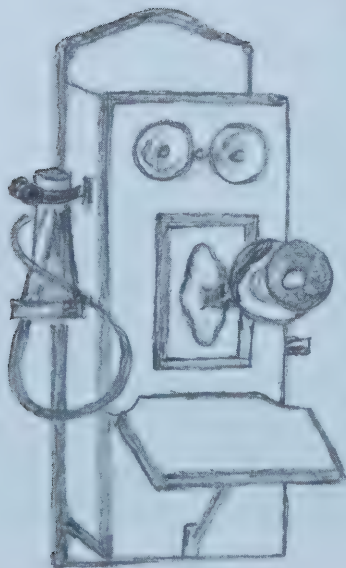
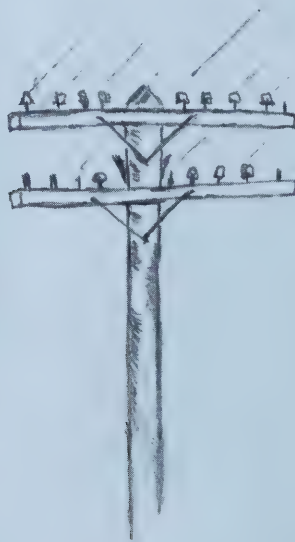
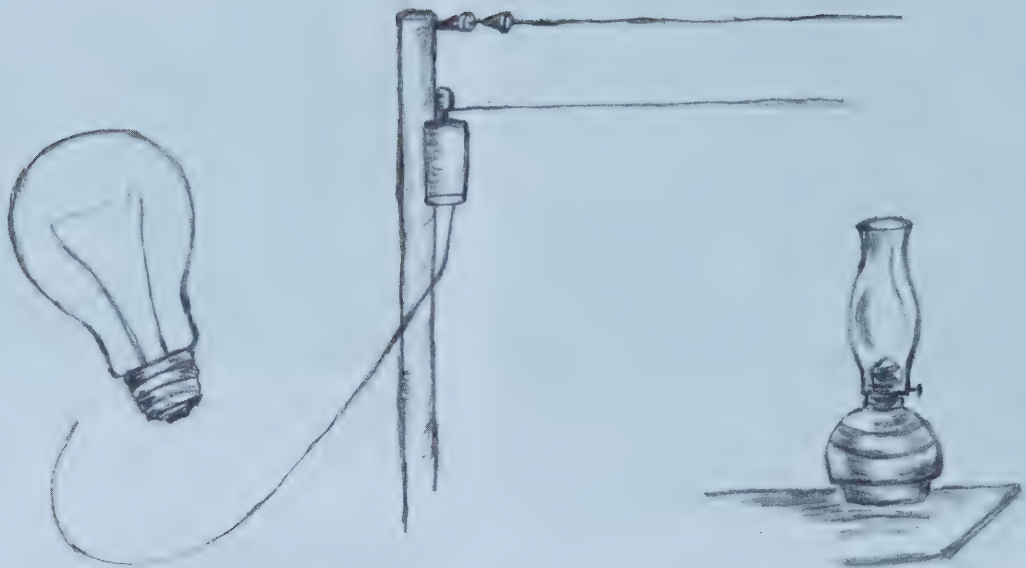


Herman Lawson and goose, 1917.



Lars and Alma Foshaug, Loolah Lerbekmo. Fishing at Cold Lake, 1923.





Utilities

Bardo - Grand Forks Telephone Company

(submitted by Don Litwin)

There was great excitement in the Community when the first telephones were installed in 1910!

How could a voice be heard coming through a wire? It was a real novelty for those pioneers to make contact in this way with their neighbors. The telephone lines were shared with many subscribers; sometimes as many as seventeen were on one line. The lines were serviced by Alberta Government Telephones. In 1933 Alberta had the biggest rural telephone system in North America. A.G.T. gave the farmers a chance to form their own telephone mutuals at this time, as it had been proven that they could operate these lines more economically.

By December 1934, the Bardo - Grand Forks Mutual Telephone Company was organized. First President was Ingvald Ness; Vice-President - Benny Anderson; Secretary-Treasurer - Martin Hagen (an office he held for the next eighteen years). The Directors were: John Ness, Lars Foshaug and Iver Moen.

In 1935, it was decided that four long rings signified an emergency so everyone on the line got the message. There were local linesmen who were

responsible for servicing the lines. In 1943 the Secretary-Treasurer was paid \$45.00 a year for his work. Linesmen received 45 cents per hour. In 1945 the rental rates were \$1.75 per month. In 1948 the telephone poles along the Round Hill road had to be moved to make room for the widening of the road. Because of the expense involved, the telephone rental increased to \$2.00 per month.

In the period 1963-1965 there was another change as the dial telephone was going to be used. With the dial telephones there could be a maximum of ten subscribers per line. This meant that the lines had to be rebuilt. There were fifty subscribers at this time. They rebuilt twenty-six miles of new line. Each shareholder was responsible for one hundred and three hours of work or else responsible to pay a certain number of dollars. A share in the company cost \$250.00.

In 1971 the shareholders of the Bardo-Grand Forks Mutual Telephone Company made the decision to sell the lines back to the Alberta Government Telephones as the next step for the telephone system was to have all the wiring underground. By 1975 this step was completed. No longer were there telephone poles and wires above ground to be affected by the storms both in winter



Bardo - Grandforks Mutual Telephone Co.

.....Sec'y-Treas.

Bardo-Grand Forks Mutual Telephone Company Seal.

New Policy - Billing Every Three Months

and summer. Now the system was governed and serviced by AGT.

At the last meeting, in July 1976, the shareholders made the decision to dissolve the company and divide the assets. Each shareholder received \$85.71. At this time there were forty shareholders and three estates. The members of the last executive were: President – Wm. Wideman; Vice-President – Eldon Boettger; Secretary-Treasurer – Hilda Korobko. The Directors were: Norman Weber, Charles Rude, Don Litwin, Merlin Rude and Bjarne Erickson.

The general area of the Bardo-Grand Forks Mutual Telephone Company covered the road which is presently Highway 834 and roads one mile west and one mile east of 834. It covered approximately the line from Highway 14 south to two miles north of Round Hill. The majority of the people of the Bardo district were served by this company. There were a few who were served by the Willow Flats Mutual to the west and Brookside Mutual to the east.

The last Directors' meeting was held in January 1977. There was a Bank balance of \$150.00 which was donated to the Tofield Agricultural Society.

There has been a great deal of progress in the telephone system since the beginnings in 1910. Today, most of us have more than one telephone and in a few seconds we can be connected with persons in every country of our world through the Telephone System.

Rural Electrification Association

(submitted by Don Litwin)

The first power line carrying electricity in this rural area was built along the present Highway 834. This line extended from Camrose, through Round Hill, to the Anderson School (Bardo) and then went east through Ryley to Holden. There was a spur built north from the present Joseph Wideman corner. This power line was built around 1928. A few of the farmers in the area took power off this original line so they were enjoying electricity supplied by Calgary Power as early as 1946.

The next important step was when the Alberta Government put into effect the possibility of getting low interest rates for installing electrical power in Alberta. Early in 1950, several interested men decided that they would like to see electrical service supplied through new power lines to farmers in the Kingman area. A public meeting was held in Kingman on February 25, 1950. There were 34 members who signed up and became the nucleus of the Kingman Rural Electrification

Association. The goal was, that by Christmas 1950, these people would be supplied with electrical power.

There was severe cold weather and much snow by November 1950 with extremely difficult road conditions. Calgary Power wanted to postpone any further work on this project until the following year. Through determination and hard work by the Kingman R.E.A. the group persevered! The work was completed and the rural homes of those who had signed up were enjoying the benefits of electrical power and appliances by Christmas, 1950. The Kingman R.E.A. serviced the majority of customers in the Bardo Community. A few to the north were serviced by the Tofield R.E.A. In 1991 the membership in the Kingman R.E.A. totalled 186 members.

What was first known as Calgary Power is now known as Trans Alta. There have been numerous R.E.A.'s throughout the province. A number of these R.E.A.'s have sold their assets of the lines to the main power companies so there are fewer of them who are actually carrying on the administration of the electrical power today. Once the lines are built, they are completely serviced by Trans Alta, in this area. This service has been taken care of very efficiently by Trans Alta. Rural electrification has done much to improve the quality of farm life in Rural Alberta.

Beaverhill Gas Co-op

(submitted by Don Litwin)

The first Natural Gas meeting for the Tofield Rural area was held in Tofield on April 16, 1973 with Vince Bates and Herb Warner arranging the meeting. Lars Rude made the motion that a Co-op be formed and to name it the Beaverhill Gas Co-op Ltd. There were fifty interested farmers at this first meeting. The first elected Board was: President – Vince Bates; Vice-President – Leo Lauber; Secretary – Lester Severson (a position he still held when he died in October, 1988). Directors were: Harry Stauffer, Alex Scott, Joe Kauffman, Leo Lauber, Peter Brown, and Fred Coykendall. Ron Collins was hired to be treasurer after the Co-op got started.

In April 1974, the Board of Directors came to a decision concerning the earlier motion by Charles Quail and Lars Rude that Beaverhill Gas Co-op would enter into an agreement with Northwest Utilities to install and operate this system.

Some of the highlights of the work involved

in the construction of these lines included the work of landmen, some of whom were the directors of the Co-op, who went from place to place to negotiate easements, and sign up customers. There were difficulties with muddy roads and angry dogs. In the spring of 1974 great difficulties were encountered as mountains of snow melted and made roads almost impassable.

In the fall of 1974 the contractor for N.U.L. began plowing in the pipelines. Nearly the entire system was completed by the fall of 1975 with approximately 500 customers being served.

The agreement with the temporary landmen expired May 1975. From then on N.U.L. handled the transactions necessary for signing up new customers.

The majority of the construction of the lines was completed in 1976. There was then a total of 561 members in the Co-op, and a total of 400 miles of pipe carrying natural gas to its customers. After 1976 there was still a great deal of work left for the executive and Board of Directors, such as lien notes and membership transfers, and attending to unpaid lien notes, as well as other Co-op business.

The outside borders of the Beaverhill Gas Co-op covers an area north of Cooking Lake, Tofield, Ryley and Poe. It continues in a south-westerly direction to Camrose, west to Highway

21 and then north to Cooking Lake. The Bardo area lies approximately in the center of this area. The Co-op was able to provide free hook-ups to churches, halls and recreational centres in the rural areas. Part of the cost of the Co-op was covered by the Utilities grants of the Alberta Government. Presently there are approximately 1400 members in the Beaverhill Gas Co-op.

What was started at the beginning, took a lot of work for those involved: Government Representatives, N.U.L. and Beaverhill Gas Co-op. To date, in 1991, the work is complete other than new customers being served. The relationship between Government, N.U.L. and the Co-op remains good and the system is running smoothly.

The following is a list of Officers and Directors who have served and those who are presently serving: Vince Bates, Leo Lauber, Lester Severson, Ken Canfield, Harry Stauffer, Alex Scott, Joe Kauffman, Peter Brown, Fred Coykendall, Don Litwin, Harvey Adamson, Wilf Howard, Jim Canfield, Les Webster, Mel Lock, Maurice Patterson, R. Wilson, Don Heie, Reg Thompson, and Elwood Flemming.

Natural gas has been a fulfillment of a dream for Rural Alberta. Gone are the days of carrying coal, wood and ashes. Rural Alberta is enjoying the conveniences made possible by natural gas.



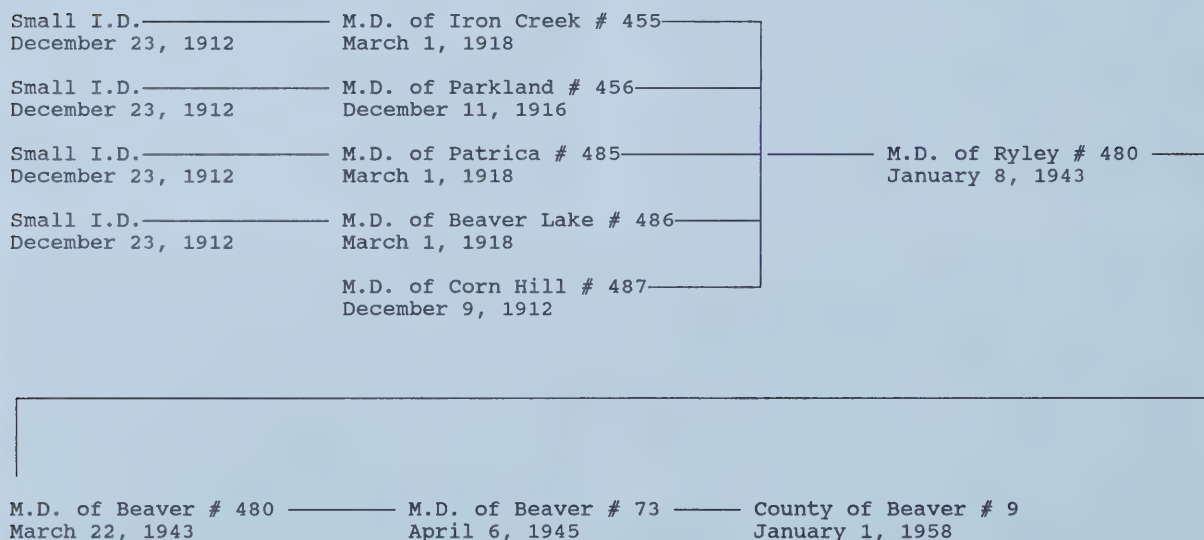
Bardo Church in the country about 1954-55.

County of Beaver – History of its Formation

Researched and Written by Esther Letourneau-Anderson
Municipal District of Cornhill No. 487 – Western end of the County

MUNICIPAL HISTORY

COUNTY OF BEAVER No. 9



In 1903, when the Local Improvement Ordinance was passed to provide for the organization of self-governing Local Improvement Districts, this area consisted of four townships. The secretary for this set-up was the late Mr. William Thomson. This organization existed until 1912 when the Rural Municipality Act was passed allowing nine townships to an area with six Councillors. The area not being classed as an organized area became the Rural Municipality of Cornhill No. 487 and held its first meeting January 6th, 1913 with five Councillors. The first Reeve was T.J. Glenn and T.J. Rogness the first Secretary. The name of the municipality was chosen at the first meeting. Quite

a number of names were submitted of which Cornhill was one. The name was of historic interest also, it dating back to the 12th Century in the City of London, England.

1914 saw six Councillors elected. T.J. Rogness was Secretary until January 1915, when other business obligations forced him to resign. John Weatherill, then became secretary and held the office until his death in March 1928. Oliver Letourneau was hired at this time and continued as Secretary until 1938 after which John W. Letourneau assumed the duties. Routine business was carried on until this small district became a part of the enlarged District in 1943.

Municipal District of Beaver Lake No. 486

This area also started out with four townships as a Local Improvement District and in 1915 was increased to nine townships.

In 1918 the Provincial Government passed the Municipal Districts Act. Under this Act organized Local Improvement Districts and Rural Municipalities became Municipal Districts.

Municipal District of Beaver Lake No. 486 – First Reeve was B. Lillemo.

1943 saw nine township districts become a new enlarged district of which this area was one. The District included M.D. of Cornhill No. 487, M.D. of Beaver Lake No. 486, M.D. of Patricia No. 485 and M.D. of Iron Creek No. 455; a total of thirty-five townships. The name and number assigned to the District was Municipal District of Ryley No. 480. The office was situated in the Village of Ryley. Name and number of the district was for organization purposes only. At a meeting of Council on March 13, 1943, the name was changed to Municipal District of Beaver No. 480. On April 1, 1945 the Department of Municipal Affairs assigned new numbers to many districts. This one then became Municipal District of Beaver No. 73. Secretary-Treasurer was John W. Letourneau.

As time went on it was considered necessary to change the boundaries so that the M.D. and the School District covered the same territory. This meant that for School Bus transportation, boundaries had to be changed to suit natural barriers.

Effective January 1, 1955 some territory was added to the east end of the district, some on the south and a small portion to the north. Some was taken away on the west and the south-west corner. This coterminous area covers approximately 1400 square miles.

First Reeve of the revised area was John P. Rozmahel and Secretary-Treasurer was John W. Letourneau.

In November 1957 the Municipal Council applied for County status and effective January 1, 1958 the Municipal District of Beaver No. 73 became the County of Beaver No. 9. Under this set-up all School matters were taken care of by the County Council, the Secretary and the School Superintendent.

The first Reeve of the County of Beaver No. 9 was John P. Rozmahel; Secretary-Treasurer – Olof Monsson and Superintendent of Schools – H.A. Pike.



The old school bell.



SPECIAL EVENTS

by **Borghild Rude and Mary Finseth**

May 17 was known as the "Norwegian National Day for Celebration". The early pioneers celebrated this occasion honoring their homeland for a few years after they arrived in this new country.

One of the first known celebrations to be held was the 25th anniversary of the arrival of the pioneers. As far as is known, people came from surrounding areas such as Amisk Creek, Tofield, Kingman, Round Hill, Ryley, Ketchamoot and as far away as Armena. It was held July 24, 1919 at the P. B. Anderson home in Bardo.

In 1932 the ladies organized a special celebration for the 35th anniversary of the Ladies' Aid. Several of the Charter Members came from Peace River to join in the festivities. The local poet, Martin Eide, composed a poem dedicated to the Ladies' Aid members for that occasion.

The following is a Norwegian poem written by Mr. Martin Eide and dedicated to the ladies of the Bardo Ladies' Aid on the occasion of their thirty-fifth Anniversary in 1933. It is accompanied by an English paraphrase.

"Vi haedre vil de gamle,
De som fra først var med

We will honor the elderly
Who were here from the
beginning,

Om dem vil vi os samle,

Around them we will gather

Og vise Kjaerlighed
Vi vil vor tak dem bringe
I denne lille sang
Gud ved den er kun ringe
Men tolker hjertets trang.

Lad tanken gå tilbage
For fem og tredve år,
Helt til de første dage,
På stedet hvor vi star,

Den gang da nogle kvinder,
Forening stiftet her,
Det vækker bløde minder,
Fordi vi har dem kjaer.

Af dem som først begyndte,
Er her kun få igjen,
Det synes som de skyndte,
Sig med at stifte den.
Velsignet er dens virke,
Om det ei synes stort
For menighed og Kirke,
Den har sin insats gjort.

Der er nok mange flere
Det hørte til vort lag,

Som ei er blandt os mere,
Og savnes her i dag.
Hvor de end måtte findes
Send dem et suk i løn
Lad os i dag dem mindes,
I kjaerlighed og bøn.

Velkommen skal de vaere

To show our love;
We convey our thanks
In this little song
God knows it speaks
Our hearts' desire.

Let our thoughts go back
Thirty-five years
To that first day,
And place where we now
stand,

At that time some ladies
Estabished the Ladies' Aid.
With beautiful memories
We hold them dear.

Of those who started
Only a few remain,
It seems they hurried
To get started.
Blessed is their work
Which is visible
In the Congregation
And the Church.

There were many others
Who also belonged to the
group,

Are no longer here,
And are greatly missed today.
To them all, we wish to give
Our thanks and praise
Let us remember them today
With our thanks and prayer.

So we bid welcome



25th Anniversary of settlers – July 24, 1919 at P.B. Anderson farm.

Som langveis komme er
De viste os en aere
O sig til hver isaer,
Tak! det er os en glaede
Kom tag iblandt os saede
Tak, tak fordi du kom."

To all who have come from
afar
To honor these memories;
To each we say, "Thanks",
It is a joy that you have come.
Again, we say,
Thank you all for coming."

In 1934 the Male Chorus held a two-day Old Timers' picnic in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Bardo Settlement. In connection with this, they also had a great many exhibits depicting pioneer days.



Bardo Male Chorus.

In 1944 the 50th anniversary was celebrating by more than 500 people at the P.B. Anderson home in Bardo on August 9th. Seats were built under the trees where a program was enjoyed. Bennie Anderson was the chairman and the special speaker for the occasion was Rev. R. Finlay of Edmonton. Rev. Palmer Anderson conducted a memorial service in honor of the pioneers who had passed away. Harold Ronning gave a review of the book "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta" and O.A. Broughton, Camrose, read a poem he had written for the occasion.

Tribute To The Bardo Pioneers by O. Broughton

Worthy of honor and praise are they
Who so gallantly led the way
To an unknown land, a wilderness,
To found new homes for their families.
Uncouth and wild the country lay,
Their's was the task to clear the way,
To lay foundations firm and sure,
And leave a heritage that would endure.

No home this land had ever known,
Unfenced, untilled, where the buffalo roamed.
Through ages of sleep the land had lain

Through winter's snows and the summer rain.
The redman's warhoop caught the breeze,
Or the coyote's yap or the honk of geese,
Here Chief Ketchamoot his braves to battle
led;
Here stalked the hunter with wary tread.

In search of homes came the Bardo band;
Among them we spy a striking man,
Rugged of build but of mien seren;
At times for rest of his staff he'd lean.
For nearing fourscore years he bore –
I've read he was quite seventy-four.
With youthful vigor and undimmed eye,
He came as the servant of God Most High.
Bersvend Anderson was his name,
And well worthy of lasting fame.

Among the names of this pioneer band
Who sought their homes in this northern land
We find Anderson, Finseth and Lerbekmo,
Jevning, Moen and Johnson too,
Simonson, Flaaten, Steen and Berg,
Deep in their hearts a great hope stirred.
For each dear flock a home to build,
A place secure for rest and shield.
For wives and children came on space,
They would not lag in the stirring race.
Where the sleepy Amisk wends its way
They found what they sought, and agreed to
stay.

Before their eyes unrolled a magic carpet
Of fertile plains, of woods and inland seas;
A storehouse vast of untapped treasures
To be unlocked by those who would these
treasures seize,
But toil and sweat were the magic keys.

Yes, toil and sweat is the lot of the pioneer
Who would build his home and the brushland
clear;

Prairie fires would threaten his home,
Hail and frost might unbidden come.
No roads had he but unbridged trails,
His will must be firm lest his purpose fails.
But trials brought endurance and fortitude
And behold, they conquered the wilderness rude.

The pioneers' vision has now come true,
Peaceful homes and farms we view;
The fruits of years of diligent work
Their hearts rang true and they did not shirk.
A sincere tribute to them we pay
As we are gathered here today.
Precious their memory in heart and soul
Or emblazoned on History's scroll:

May the rest be sweet for each weary one,
The task they faced was nobly done.

Epilogue:

God of our fathers, whose firm hand
Led and sustained this little band;
Now their children and their children pray
That Thou wilt guide them all the way.
For all the mercies from Thee Most High
Thy grace this day we would magnify.

Other speakers were Mrs. A. Flaaten, Rev. Ostrem, Jack Cookson and Oscar Grue. Mrs. Harold Ronning (nee Gudrun Ness) sang three numbers, solo from Jack Cookson, and a duet by George and Jack Cookson. The five Grue brothers from Armena sang two numbers and the Bardo Male Chorus rendered four numbers. The book, *Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta*, written by Mrs. Magda Hendrickson and Mrs. Ragna Steen, was sold during the day. Mrs. Hendrickson and Mrs. Steen autographed the books as they were sold.



Old Timers Picnic.

The Ladies' Aid served dinner and supper to the large crowd. A refreshment booth was also kept busy.

Horseshoe was played throughout the day. A baseball game between the "Old Timers" and the present-day players was cancelled because of a rainstorm. All in all, the day was a huge success.

In 1944 the Bardo Athletics Association was organized.

In 1945 Bardo Lutheran Congregation celebrated its 50th anniversary on June 29 - July 1. Fifty years of work, rich in blessings and accomplishments, was a festival worthy of observance because Bardo was the first congregation of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America to celebrate such a jubilee.

In 1955 the 60th anniversary of the Bardo Congregation was celebrated on Sunday, June 19 with a day of Praise and Thanksgiving. Now Bardo was

the oldest Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the Canada District. It was another opportunity to honor the pioneers who sacrificed so much to lay the solid foundation for this Congregation.

In 1959 a new era started when the Anderson (Bardo) school was closed. For many it was a very sad occasion when the school closed after serving the district for so many years. Changes and progress came and as a result, children were then bussed to Tofield.

The Bardo Recreation Association was formed and incorporated under the Societies Act on May 17, 1960. The Anderson School and grounds became the "Bardo Community Centre" and in 1964 the ball diamond was moved here from Moen's pasture site. That year a Grand Opening was held at the Annual Sports Day in June.

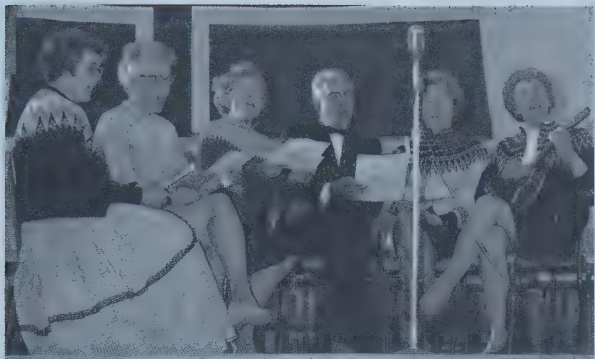


Anderson School #434, 1947.

In 1965 the 70th anniversary of the Bardo Congregation was celebrated from June 16-20 with many former Pastors and members returning for the occasion. This was the last celebration in the dear country church by the creek as on August 27, 1965 it was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Two years later a new sanctuary was built in Tofield and the Dedication was held November 19, 1967.

In 1969 a three-day celebration was held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the community. Between 1000 and 1800 people attended. They came from all over the province, other parts of Canada and the U.S.A. Chester Ronning, a former resident, returned to the scene of his childhood as guest speaker. Henry Ruste, Alberta's Minister of Lands and Forests at the time, spoke as well. A song, composed by Muriel Ness Irving especially for the occasion, was sung by the Ness siblings. Acting Mayor of Tofield, Gabe Pittet, extended greetings on behalf of the Town of



The Singing Family. Gladys Severson, Betsy Scott, Esther Brekkan, Ingvald Ness, Sylvia Evans, Muriel Irving.

Tofield. Councillor George Knudsen brought greetings on behalf of the County of Beaver.

One of the highlights was the revival of the original Bardo Male Chorus, under the direction of Albin Anderson. Master of Ceremonies for the program was Lester Severson. Invocation was given by Pastor Lokken; Andy Heiberg gave an outline of Bardo's history; a quartette composed of Leif Foshaug, LeRoy Finseth, Thelma Erickson and Evelyn Foshaug sang; other musical numbers were rendered by the Tofield School Band; Bardo School children; Bardo Chorus; a violin solo by Herman Lawson; bagpipe selection by Gordon Kyle and skits were presented by Carl and Alma Marie Nelson under the direction of Doris (Hendrickson) Anderson.

Six novelty horseraces were run during the celebration. They were:

Cowboy race - 1. Allan Gill - 2. Doug Finseth - 3. Margaret Berrecloth

Potato race - 1. Margaret Berrecloth - 2. Glen Jones - 3. Dennis Lawson

Bundle race - 1. Maxine Morris - 2. Ron Brown - 3. Dennis Lawson

Egg and Spoon race - 1. Homer Schmidt - 2. Allan Gill - 3. Miles Rose

Pole-Bending race - 1. Miles Rose - 2. Doug Finseth - 3. Homer Schmidt

Ride and Lead race - 1. Doug Finseth - 2. Marilyn Davison - 3. Miles Rose

Shooting events also took place with the following results:

Rifle - 1. Ken Stauffer - 2. Laverne Sorgaard - 3. Robert Foshaug - 4. Merlin Rude

Ladies' Shoot - 1. Sonja Bablitz

Baseball, of course, was an attraction on Friday and Saturday with Tofield winning top honors in the tournament. Some of the original players of the first baseball team in Bardo were

on hand for the celebration. Hilmar Johnson, Elmer Anderson, Emil Rude, Pete Lerbekmo, Clarence Rude to name a few.

The celebrations took place at the old Anderson school on the Round Hill road (834) at the intersection where Martin Finseth's store once stood. Martin Finseth, Nels Jevning, John Lerbekmo and Peter B. Anderson led the trek of Scandinavians into the area. The settlement was first named "Norden" (Northern) but was later changed to Bardo in honor of their Norwegian home community.

A museum, organized by Lars Rude, contained Martin Finseth's old account book showing that shoes sold for \$1.20 per pair; muskrat pelts were received as .25 credit and coyote pelts for \$1.25 credit.

School taxes were \$4.50 per quarter section; homestead patents were issued by the government of the Northwest Territories (there was no province of Alberta at the time) and tobacco was cut, cheese style, from a massive, soggy chunk.

A traditional smorgasbord, organized by Mrs. Borghild Rude, was a highlight for all. Dishes served were: rabbit stew, head cheese, cream porridge, fattiman, lefse, potato lefse, flatbread and tetteimelk. One popular pioneer dish had been the prairie chicken but this was no longer available for the 75th celebration. Fruit soup was also served. A display of the soap making process, butter making and lye soap making were demonstrated.

1980 marked the 75th anniversary of the province of Alberta. This was celebrated in many areas including Bardo. In June a touring Norwegian choir from Bardu, Norway and district visited the community and presented a program at the Church and a time of food and fellowship was held at the Community Centre.

On July 26, 1980 the first Anderson (Bardo) School Reunion was held. Close to 500 former students, teachers, and their escorts were present at the Anderson School grounds. Of this number, 14 were teachers and 225 former students. They came from all over Alberta and points as far away as Ohio, California, Arizona, Montana, Washington, Oregon, B.C., Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Registration began on Saturday morning and soon the voices of teachers and classmates could be heard renewing acquaintances and sharing happy memories. Three replicas of World War II airplanes flew in formation over the grounds saluting the celebration. Later a large two-engine plane buzzed the place and many pictures were



Anderson School Reunion – July 26-27, 1980. Saturday evening program, campfire and singsong.



Anderson School Reunion – July 26-27, 1980. Sunday morning worship outdoors.

taken from the air. Everyone present, seated on benches and chairs around a bonfire on the beautiful Saturday evening enjoyed a sing-song. Later the crowd dispersed for the day. Some went to homes of friends and relatives and others to their campers and motorhomes lined up on the grounds. It was an impressive sight.

On Sunday morning a worship service of praise and thanksgiving was held on the ball diamond where bleachers, chairs and benches provided seats for the crowd who attended. The theme was taken from Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; when he is old he will not depart from it."

Soon it was time to say goodbye to the school chums many had not seen for more than 50 years. Marit Haugen Horte, the oldest student there,

attended school in the old log school house which opened in 1898. The youngest Anderson school students present were a boy and a girl in Grade One when the school closed in 1959.

On June 1-2, 1985 the 90th anniversary of the Bardo Congregation was also celebrated in Tofield. This was the sixth special event that has been celebrated of the founding of the Bardo Lutheran Congregation. The following is a message given by our present Pastor, Kevin Langager, at the 90th anniversary.

"It is both a humbling and a comforting experience to be the pastor of a congregation celebrating an anniversary such as this. It is humbling to recognize that one is but a single person in a long line of pastors and laypersons who have preached and taught the Word of God in this



Anderson (Bardo) School Reunion, 1980. Marion Hostetler and Mrs. Horte.

Congregation. It is also, however, a great comfort while one is doing such preaching and teaching, to be able to trust in the forgiveness of sins, in the power of the Word and Spirit, and not in one's own reason and strength. Throughout the years, many individuals and families have come and gone, but the Gospel of Christ has remained, immovable and timeless.

Our prayer is that the theme we have chosen for this anniversary celebration, "God's Own People", based on I Peter 2:9, points not to ourselves, but to the all sufficiency of the grace of God in Christ. To God be the glory, great things He has done. We have received mercy upon mercy, grace upon grace; it is He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. It is only by the merit of Jesus that we are designated a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; His wonderful deeds constitute the message that we declare. This is the faith that those who have gone before us lived and proclaimed; this is the faith still living today; this is the faith that will surely endure after the passing of time. By the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ, as "God's own People", we sing and will continue to sing, "Faith of our fathers', holy faith. We will be true to thee til death."

The Centennial Anniversary of the Bardo Community was held in July 1994. Plans were

made for the three-day celebration and many hours were spent working on the book, "Bardo Centennial History - 1894-1994". We trust that each Reader will thoroughly enjoy the result of the community effort gone into preparing and publishing this book.

*Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hills
announce the marriage of their daughter
Loolah Myrtle
to
Mr. Peter Lerbekmo
on Wednesday, November the fourteenth
nineteen hundred and seventeen
Telford, Alberta*

*At Home
Niobe, Alberta*

Wedding invitation for Loolah Hills and Pete Lerbekmo.



Moving of Yoder house from Yoder to Roy Roth farm.



These (girls) held a reunion at the home of Elizabeth (Mitchell) Younie in Edmonton. They attended Anderson School in Bardo. Back Row: Hannah (Jensen) Sand, Mrs. Willie Simonson, Alma (Erickson) Adams, Jean (Mitchell) Dawe, Clara (Jensen) Flotten, Annie (Moen) Patterson. Front Row: Fannie (Ingram) Owens, Alma (Finseth) Foshaug, Mary (Haugen) Qualley, Marit (Haugen) Horte, Elizabeth (Mitchell) Younie, Ragna (Jevning) Steen, Ellen (Ingram) Sears.



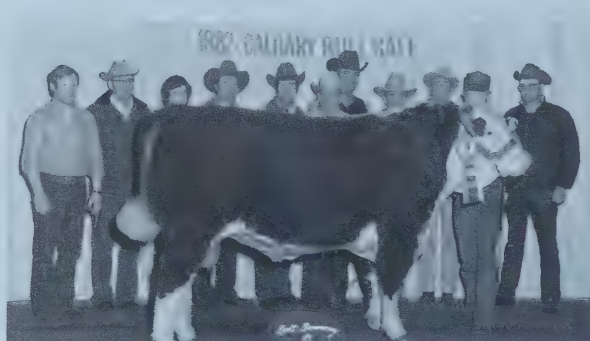
Moving a house by team.



"Farm Family Award", Edmonton, 1976. Back Row: Representative from Northlands, Guard. Front Row: Elsa, Lyle, Gordon, Grace, Andy, Bernice, Rt. Hon. Ralph Steinhauer, Alberta Governor General.



LeRoy Finseth – moving the "summer kitchen" in 1942 or 1943.



Calgary Bull Sale, 1982. Keith Finseth of Tofield exhibited the Reserve Junior Champion at the 1982 Calgary Bull Sale with "FHF Silver Standard Lad 53M", bringing in a total of \$80,000 when sold to buyers from Alberta, Montana and Idaho. Doug Finseth, LeRoy Finseth, Alice Jean Finseth, the buyers, Keith at the halter.



Faye Anderson, Junior High Valentine Queen, and Sandra Anderson, Runner-up – February, 1967. Dressed in their Canadian Centennial dresses.



Calgary Stampede Champion. The Grand Champion Salers Steer at the 1993 Calgary Stampede was owned by Tofield IGA and exhibited by Judy Finseth of Tofield. Heiberg Farms, Tofield, bred the steer. The steer show was a special event at the Stampede, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Salers breed in Canada.



1923 Model T and Wayne Lawson. Taken at the Tofield Health Centre in July, 1993.



Fund-raising for the Bardo History Book. Bake Sale at "That Place".



Making lefse for Bake Sale, 1992. Back Row: Terri Stauffer, Shirley Coombes, Pauline Rude, Lois Haugen, Evelyne Stauffer, Christy Rude, Alberta Watt-Erickson, Darlene Vath, Glenys Neufeld, Joanne Rude, Bernice Heiberg, Diane Rude, Becky Heiberg. Front Row: Mary Finseth, Iris Francis, Rochelle Rude, Barbara Stauffer, Norma Anderson.

Music



(by Gladys Severson)

Love for music came with the early pioneers and spread down through the generations. Reading about the first Christmas in the "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta" one sees that on Christmas Eve the neighbors gathered at the Nels Jevning's log house which measured 14 by 20 feet. A choir sang "Nu Er Julen Kommen" (Now Christmas Eve Has Come) on that first Christmas Eve in the Bardo Community, in 1894. This song has been very much loved and the Bardo choirs continued to sing it every Christmas until the last few years. The custom was to have the Sunday School program on December 26, in the rural church setting. However, this tradition has had to change since moving into town. The old Norwegian songs have died out as well except a few verses of "Jeg Er Saa Glad Hver Jule Kveld" (I am so glad each Christmas Eve).

P.B. Anderson was the first choir director and continued leading for a number of years. Since then, several leaders have directed the choirs down through the years. Gladys Severson was the choir director for many years and Lynn Langager has



Parish Choir – Bardo, Kingman, Trondhjem.

led the choir for Christmas and special occasions for the last ten years.

In 1951 a Parish Choir was organized, under the leadership of Gladys Severson, with approximately 50 singers from Bardo, Kingman and Round Hill. They practiced every week alternating among the three communities. The contatas that were learned and rendered were: "The Thorn Crowned King" and "Christ Crucified". These were sung in the local congregations and also in a number of surrounding



This is the Kingman Parish Choir which sang the Easter cantata. "The Thorn-Crowned King", on Good Friday morning in the Bardo Lutheran Church. On Friday evening, the 45-voice group presented the cantata in an Edmonton church, and on Sunday evening they sang in Round Hill. At the extreme left is the pianist, Sharon Bue, and standing next to her is the choir leader, Mrs. Gladys Severson. The four people in the front, centre, are the soloists, left to right: Mrs. S. Bue (alto); Mrs. Bernice Heiberg (soprano); LeRoy Finseth (tenor); and Ingvald Ness (bass). (Published by the Camrose Canadian, 1962).

churches. They also sang one Christmas Contata, "The New Born King". The Parish choir continued for about ten years. It was a very good experience and was enjoyed by those who worked together to make it a success.

A ladies sextette sang together for many years. Probably one song stands out best in the memory, "Bring All the Tithes to the Store-house". This song was sung at the Thank Offering Program year after year and was loved by all. The members of this sextette were: Bernice Heiberg, Olive Foshaug, Norma Anderson, Gladys Severson, Patricia Litwin, Evelyn Foshaug, and Thelma Erickson as the accompanist.

In 1908, when the Horte brothers moved into the Bardo community, they brought with them the idea of forming a Brass Band. This idea gained favor, not only with the young men but also with the community as a whole. Money was needed for this venture so a subscription list was circulated for funds, by some of the older men. Thor Horte was the first leader. After they became more advanced they hired Mr. Anton Quillo from Camrose to come out once a week. They shared their music at occasions in the community as well as elsewhere.

Listed are the band members and the instruments they played:

Cornets – Pete Johnson, Nelius and Chester

Ronning, Harry Horte, Bennie Finseth and Palmer Anderson.

Alto – Ole Bartness and Ingvarth Haugseth
 Tenor – Pete Haugen and Bennie Anderson
 Baritone – Mr. Black
 B flat Bass – Hilmar Johnson
 E flat Bass – Torval Brocke
 Bass Drum – Lymen Rorem
 Snare Drum – Olaf Anderson



Bardo Brass Band.

After some years, players and instruments drifted in various directions. Some of the horns went to Camrose Lutheran College. Some made the journey to Grande Prairie and a few stayed in the community.

In approximately 1939-1940 a string band was formed and entertained for a short while.

There have been many musical families in the Bardo district and Bardo became known for the musical talent and ability of its residents over the years.

The Bardo Male Chorus

(by Iris Francis)

The material for this article was obtained, with permission from The Mercury, from 'The History of the Bardo Male Chorus' written by Mr. Edward Steen and published in The Tofield Mercury, March 29, 1945.

Mr. Albin Anderson brought the idea of forming a male chorus in Bardo with him, in 1930, when he returned to Alberta from the State of Washington. While in Washington, Albin sang with the Bellingham Male Chorus. He had considerable experience with chorus work.

A great deal of interest was created and all seemed in favor of organizing a Male Chorus. An organizational meeting was called for January 7, 1932. Officers were elected as follows:

President: Hans Hillerud

Vice-President: Bennie Anderson

Treasurer: Ingvald Ness

Director: Albin Anderson

Assistant Director: Bennie Anderson

Music Committee: Ivar Moen, Peter Bjornson and Monrad Finseth

Organist: Mrs. Ivar Moen

Marshall: Bennie Finseth

The rest of the members were: Axel Kindley, Eddie and Alvin Steen, Reuben Eide, Mikal Erickson, Bennie Moen, Art Moen, Olaf Lund, Ingolf Brekkan, Bill Simonson, Botolf Bjornson, Leif Foshaug, Ivan Foshaug, Olaf Anderson, Bob Berrecloth, and Inge Johanson. Membership varied from nineteen to thirty-five, with all ages from sixteen to sixty years, mainly of Norwegian descent with a few Swedish and English as well.

The main purpose in forming the Chorus was to sing and to create interest in chorus work in other communities. Rehearsals were held on Monday evenings with members taking turns to serve lunch. The songs consisted of Scandinavian folk songs, secular and sacred songs both in Norwegian and English.

An annual picnic was sponsored by the Male Chorus every year, with a program of singing, music and sports. The Male Chorus sang at concerts, festivals and celebrations. They rendered



Bardo Male Chorus at Clarence and Borghild Rude's wedding at Lars Foshaug home.

sacred programs at various locations in the province.

In 1933, the Bardo Male Chorus sang at the Ryley Chautauqua. The fortieth anniversary of the Bardo Community in 1934, was commemorated by a two-day celebration sponsored by the Male Chorus.

The Male Chorus sang at political rallies in Daysland, Bawlf and Camrose, supporting Chester Ronning as the United Farmers Association candidate in 1935.

The Chorus took part in a Sons of Norway celebration at Viking, Alberta in 1936. They also sang on radio, once for the Lutheran Hour over CFRN on December 13, 1936, and again on April 18, 1937 over CFRN for another program.

The Male Chorus from LaGlace, Alberta visited Bardo in 1940 and presented concerts at surrounding communities. This resulted in an invitation for a return trip to LaGlace by the Bardo Male Chorus. This trip took place in the summer of 1941.

An Old Timers Celebration was held on the P.B. Anderson farm in Bardo in 1944, to commemorate the fiftieth Anniversary of the pioneers who settled this community. Of course, the ever popular Male Chorus took part in the program.



Bardo Male Chorus.

Albin Anderson directed the Male Chorus for eleven years. He sometimes walked eight miles in all kinds of weather so practices could go on. Miss Alice Broughton, a school teacher at the Anderson School, became Director of the Male Chorus in 1943. Assistant Directors over the years were: Alice Broughton, Monrad Finseth, Pete Bjornson, Ingvald Ness and Bennie Anderson. Organists and Pianists were: Mrs. Ivar Moen, Mrs. George Hendrickson, Edna Steen, Mabel Simonson, Mrs. Walter Scott, Alice Broughton and Muriel Finseth. Some of these ladies had the duty of teaching the "sharps and flats" to those who were not too familiar with music notes.



Bardo Male Chorus, 1945. Bennie Finseth, Eldon Moen, Charles Rude, Leif Foshaug, Phillip Anderson, Ingolf Brekkan, Olaf Haugen, Peter Bjornson, Edward Steen, Bob Berrecloth, George Foshaug, Earl Kindley, Muriel Finseth (pianist), Monrad Finseth, Botolv Bjornson, Alice Broughton (director), Iver Moen, Bennie Anderson, Axel Kindley, LeRoy Finseth.

The Auditors for the organization were: Martin Eide, Martin Hagen, George Hendrickson and Albert Haukedahl.

The 1945 Officers were:
 President: Peter Bjornson
 Vice-President: Ingolf Brekkan
 Secretary: Eddie Steen
 Treasurer: Earl Kindley
 Marshall: Bennie Finseth
 Director: Alice Broughton
 Assistant Director: Monrad Finseth
 Pianist: Muriel Finseth
 Music Committee: Ivar Moen, Botolf Bjornson and Monrad Finseth
 Librarians: Bob Berrecloth and Eddie Steen
 Auditors: Leif Foshaug and Albert Haukedahl
 Members throughout the years and the parts they sang were:

First tenors: Monrad Finseth, Bob Berrecloth, Eddie Steen, Botolf Bjornson, Earl Kindley, Olaf Lund, Henry Johnson, Ivan Foshaug, Mikal

Erickson, John Berild, Talbert Foshaug, Bud Steen, Clifford Jevning, Gordon Hendrickson and Jacob Stromner.

Second tenors: Ivar Moen, Axel Kindley, Bennie Anderson, LeRoy Finseth, Harold Kindley, Art Moen, Alvin Steen, Art Hallin, Otto Johanson, Eric Likeness and Selmer Olsenberg.

First bass: Bennie Finseth, Leif Foshaug, Eldon Moen, Charles Rude, Phillip Anderson, Bennie Moen, Ole Bartness, Malcolm Finseth, Merlin Foshaug, Lawrence Broughton, Olaf Anderson, Everitt Nash and Finn Ness.

Second Bass: Peter Bjornson, Ingolf Brekkan, George Foshaug, Reuben Eide, Hans Hillerud, Ingvald Ness, Bill Simonson, Milton Jevning, Bert Loken, John Westby, Hans Krogen, Inge Johanson, Olaf and Arthur Haugen. There was one non-singing member, Pete Lerbekmo.

Five of the members saw action in World War II on the European war fronts, namely, Pte. Merlin Foshaug, Pte. Talbert Foshaug, Sgt. Milton Jevning, Pte. Clifford Jevning and Pte. Everitt Nash.

The Male Chorus was able to make both ends meet financially, despite the hungry thirties, through membership fees and proceeds from picnics and concerts. Their proceeds went mainly for music, the purchase of a music cabinet, fee to the organist, light, fuel, janitor work and transportation. The Chorus made donations to the Red Cross and other charities, and also to various local organizations.

In the conclusion of the write-up the Male Chorus thanked the Bardo Congregation and the Bardo Ladies Aid for their co-operation throughout all the years. They gave praise to the



Members of the original Male Chorus, 1967. Albin Anderson, Ingolf Brekkan, Axel Kindley, Art Moen, Alvin Steen, Bob Berrecloth, Edward Steen, Olaf Anderson, Ivan Foshaug, Peter Bjornson, Ingvald Ness.

mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters who had baked many a pie and buttered sandwiches for their picnics and concerts, and stayed home to milk the cows and feed pigs while the chorus was away "warbling in some distant land". Thanks was given to the neighboring communities for their support in the interest of the Male Chorus.

Songs rendered by the Male Chorus which stand out in memory are: Kentucky Babe, The Volga Boat Song as well as Norwegian National tunes and folk songs.

The Bardo Male Chorus disbanded sometime after 1945 but before that they made a very long trip to the Peace River country.

"Hectic Trip Over Frightful Roads into Grande Prairie"

(by Gladys Severson)

The history of the Bardo Male Chorus has been written, but we felt that we should also include a story on the longest trip they ever made, as a Male Chorus, to render their programs.

This information is taken from some articles found in the Camrose Canadian written by Mrs. Arnold Steen and son, Edward. The articles are titled "Hectic Trip over Frightful Roads made by The Bardo Male Chorus into Grande Prairie".

After invitations and deliberations over a period of time, the Bardo Male Chorus decided to make a trip into the Grande Prairie region. After much practicing and planning a cavalcade of seven cars carrying thirty-five people left the Joe Stauffer farm in Bardo on a Thursday morning, June 26, 1941.

The members of the group were: Bennie and Phillip Anderson, Ivan, Talbert, George, Merlin and Leif Foshaug, Eldon and Arthur Moen, George Hendrickson, Hans Hillerud, Reuben Eide, Eddie Steen, Peter Bjornson, Albin Anderson (Director), Milton Jevning, Malcolm

and Monrad Finseth, Robert Berrecloth, Olaf Haugen, Ingolf Brekkan, Axel Kindley and Miss Mabel Simonson (Organist). Others were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stauffer and Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder (Gertie), Mrs. Pete Lerbekmo and Jack, Mrs. Bennie Anderson, Clifford and Allen, and Martin Hagen.

The first concert was scheduled for June 27 at Berwyn where Carrie Brekkan was teaching school. The group left Edmonton at 1:30 P.M. in spite of the fact that the AMA report said roads going north were "muddy". They headed north on the St. Albert road. At Morinville a cloudburst had passed over the district extending to Clyde. There was water covering the gravelled highway, but it was passable. They reached Perryvale at 5:00 P.M. and got to the Athabasca auto camp at 6:30 P.M. Chief cooks were Mrs. John Yoder (Gertie), Mrs. Joe Stauffer (Petra), Mrs. Pete Lerbekmo (Loolah), Mrs. Alma Foshaug and Reuben Eide. They had their supper at the Auto Camp and then drove on to the Smith Auto Camp where they spent the night.

Friday, June 27, they breakfasted early and started off by 7:00 A.M. They crossed the Athabasca River there on a ferry. Dinner was eaten at the Kinuso Auto Camp. The road was muddy and slippery. By the time they reached Driftpile River the water was two feet deep on the ends and sides of the bridges. Fourteen cars had to wait for an hour until the water receded so they could safely cross over. Here they were joined by the Van Aest brothers of Grande Prairie, who were driving a Model "T" Ford. They stayed with them for the next two days and gave much valuable help.



Members of Bardo Male Chorus who travelled to LaGlance, 1941.



Male Chorus trip to LaGlance, 1941



Bardo Male Chorus trip to LaGlace, 1941. They drove through flooded roads.

Arriving at Sucker Creek they found that the next two and one half miles of road were under water to a depth of two to three feet. Three Indians with teams of horses and wagons were kept busy pulling cars through this portion of road. At first the Indians thought they needed two dollars per car but they cut their prices down to seventy-five cents per car. The men, barefooted, waded along beside the cars as they were being towed, pushing and steadying them so they wouldn't slip off the road. It was suggested that they may have been humming the "Volga Boat Song" as they crossed through the water. Although some of the members had rubber boots, they were of little help as the water went over the tops.

What could have been a serious accident was narrowly avoided when Joe Stauffer's car was being towed across the bridge at Sucker Creek. The horses slipped and floundered off the road and the car was close to upsetting in six feet of water. The passengers in the car received more than a thrill of excitement. The water poured into the car, soaking suitcases and clothing. After the crossing was safely made, a wire fence along the road served

as a clothesline to dry out their clothing. It was a tremendous relief to everyone when the last of the fourteen cars was safely towed across the treacherous submerged road. The water was so deep that the wiring and distributors became wet and caused a good deal of trouble. Water had seeped into the crankcases of three of the cars so all of the oil had to be drained off. Ingolf Brekkan and the Van Aest brothers drove to Enilda, seven miles away, and purchased oil for these cars which were newer models and too low for the kind of roads they had faced. By the time they reached the rest of their group at Enilda it was midnight. They had covered only 104 miles in seventeen hours on this Friday, June 27. They stayed at Enilda until Saturday afternoon when they left for High Prairie at 2:00 P.M. Mechanics had worked on Joe Stauffer's car all forenoon but were unable to get it running so it had to be towed to High Prairie. While delayed at the Enilda Auto Camp the Male Chorus sang two songs for the proprietor and signed the guest register.

The cavalcade reached High Prairie, a distance of ten miles, by 2:45 P.M. Here they were informed that the bridge across a creek just west of the town was out and would not be repaired until 4:00 P.M. A half mile of road was also under water. The whole party stayed at High Prairie for five hours waiting for the Stauffer car to be repaired and the



Bardo Male Chorus trip to LaGlace, 1941.

roads to improve. The West Prairie River was jammed with logs for one half mile causing the railroad to have been moved. Crews of men with caterpillars and horses were pulling logs loose in order to start them moving and relieve the pressure on the railway bridge.

They left High Prairie at 7:00 P.M. and encountered another half mile of road under water. The road from McLennan to Peace River was gravelled, which made travelling much easier, so they reached Peace River by midnight, Saturday, June 28.

Sunday morning, June 29, they left Peace River and crossed over the Peace on the railroad bridge. They arrived at Berwyn 9:30 Sunday morning over a day late for the concert which had been scheduled for June 27th. Carrie Brekkan joined the group at Berwyn and travelled with them for the rest of the trip.

The group arrived at Dunvegan at 11:00 A.M. Sunday. Here the Peace River was crossed on a ferry. They stopped at Rycroft at 12:40 P.M. for lunch and then proceeded to Sexsmith. John Yoder's car was giving trouble this time so had to be towed from Rycroft to Sexsmith. It was left there for repair and the occupants were squeezed into the remaining cars and they proceeded on their way to LaGlace. Here they were warmly met by members of the Johnson family. They were divided into groups and sent to different homes for the night. This was their first good night's rest since they had left their homes in Bardo. LaGlace was their headquarters during their week stay in the north country. They enjoyed the generous hospitality of the people who lived there.

Monday, June 30. After the good rest, food and fellowship, it was time to get to work. Their Director, Albin Anderson, put them through a thorough practice after which a business meeting was held to discuss further plans.

Their first concert was held at the LaGlace hall Monday evening with a large turn-out despite all the rain. The concert, which consisted of fifteen songs by the Male Chorus, also included a recitation by Loolah Lerbekmo and a guitar selection by Jack Lerbekmo, which was much enjoyed by the audience.

On Tuesday, July 1 they were scheduled to sing at Rolla, British Columbia, about seventy-seven miles from LaGlace. Enroute they stopped just outside Pouce Coupe and enjoyed a picnic lunch supplied by their LaGlace friends, of whom a large number went along on their trip to Rolla. They

made a brief stop at Dawson Creek which was the end of the railroad. The LaGlace orchestra assisted in the program given at Rolla.

The group of fifty decided that they needed a midnight snack on their way back to LaGlace so stopped at a Chinese cafe in Pouce Coupe. The bewildered Chinese proprietor brought out bread and with the help of Gertie Yoder and others in the group, it didn't take long before all were fed.

On their way again the lights on one of the cars went out so that carload camped on the road-side at Tupper Creek until morning.

On Wednesday, July 2, a concert was given at Valhalla Centre where the H.N. Ronnings resided. Thursday, July 3, a banquet was held at the LaGlace Hall in honor of the Bardo Male Chorus, and the LaGlace Male Chorus and Orchestra, visitors and others. The feast, prepared by the LaGlace housewives, was much enjoyed. The rest of the evening was entertaining with speeches, male chorus selections by both groups as well as by the orchestra.

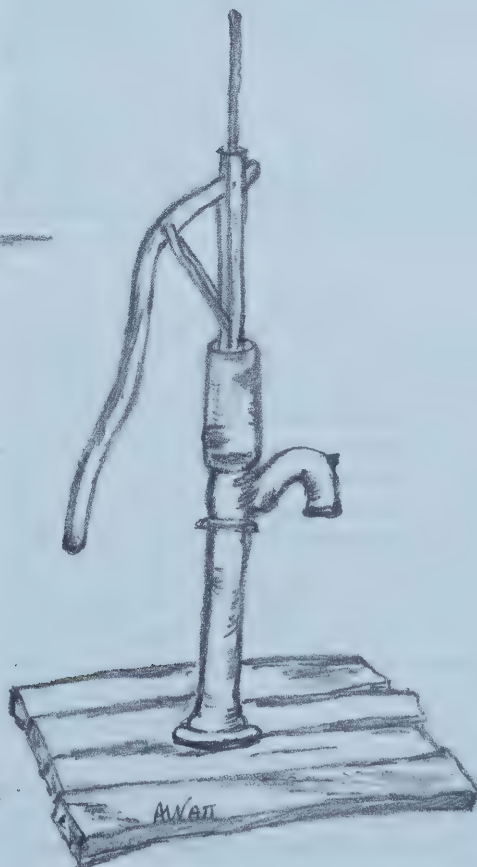
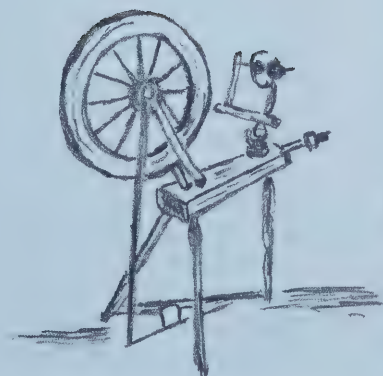
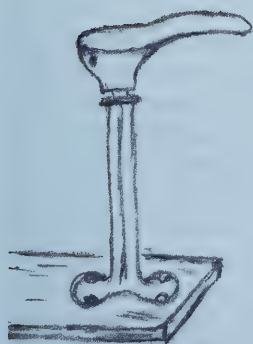
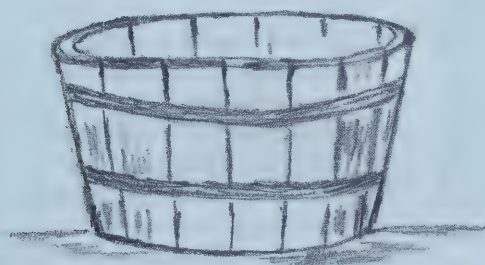
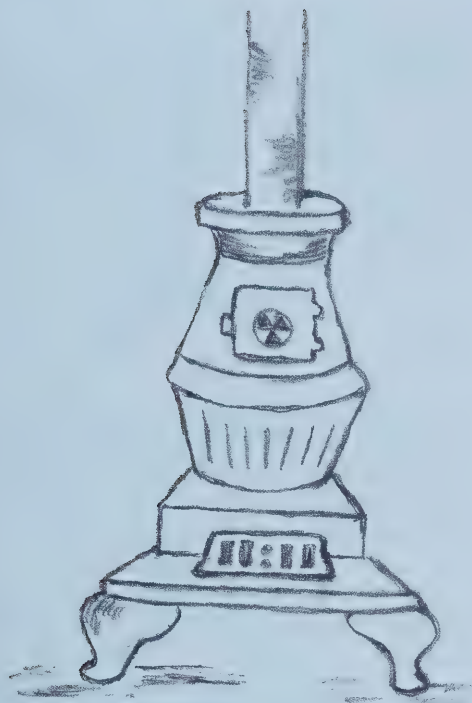
On Friday, July 4, the group went to Grande Prairie where they attended the annual Sports Day. This began with a military parade followed by both softball and baseball games. The ball games were especially enjoyable as many on the teams had played on the Bardo ball team before they moved to the Grande Prairie country.

On Saturday, July 5, at 1:00 P.M. the Bardo group plus friends from LaGlace totalling fifty left for Saskatoon Mountain. This is a high hill east of Beaverlodge. From the top there is a panoramic view of the area for miles and miles around. After an hour's stop they proceeded to the Government Experimental Station at Beaverlodge where they enjoyed a tour of the lovely gardens of vegetables and flowers. In the evening a concert was given in the town of Beaverlodge.

On Sunday, July 6, the Male Chorus gave a concert in the Northfield Church in the afternoon, and at Lake Saskatoon in the evening.

The group left LaGlace on Monday morning, July 7, to make their way homeward. They did not encounter the difficulties of muddy roads and car troubles so they reached Edmonton at 7:00 P.M. and by 10:30 P.M. the group was at home in Bardo.

Their adventurous trip had come to an end. The overwhelming kindness and hospitality which they had been shown overshadowed all the difficulties they had encountered. It had been well worth the effort and the difficulties were only a memory.



ODDS AND ENDS

There are a few items that need to be mentioned in regard to pioneer life which may have been overlooked in the previous histories. We take for granted so many conveniences that were unthought of or unavailable in those early days, for example shoes. According to the book "Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta" Mr. John Lerbekmo was the settlement's shoemaker, although most settlers owned a set of shoe lasts, mainly for shoe repair. There were generally three sizes made out of iron in the shape of a shoe. These were mounted on a metal stand depending on the size required. The lasts were fitted into the shoe and a new sole or half sole was tacked on.

When shoes were lacking, it was common for people, especially children, to go barefoot in the summer months. There were those who wore woolen stockings wrapped with rabbit skins and gunny sacks in the winter for lack of shoes.

Gas furnaces with electric fans to heat our homes are also taken for granted today. The present generation know nothing of getting up in freezing rooms, waiting for the wood stove or heater to warm up the home. When only wood was burned, the fire would finally die out in the night and it would be very cold by morning. Water in the home would be frozen when one got up. Later, when coal became available, the fire would be "banked" at night and the place would stay more comfortable. Some homes had a stove in the kitchen and a heater in the living room. The heater might have a hole in the ceiling above it fitted with a grate to let the heat upstairs. Ashes had to be emptied morning and night. The woodbox and coal pails needed filling. These were generally kept close to the stove. A favorite place to stand when one came in from the cold outdoors was in front of the cookstove or one could put the oven door down and warm cold feet from the heat.

Running water was unknown for many years on the rural farms and even in towns to start with. All water for use in the home had to be carried

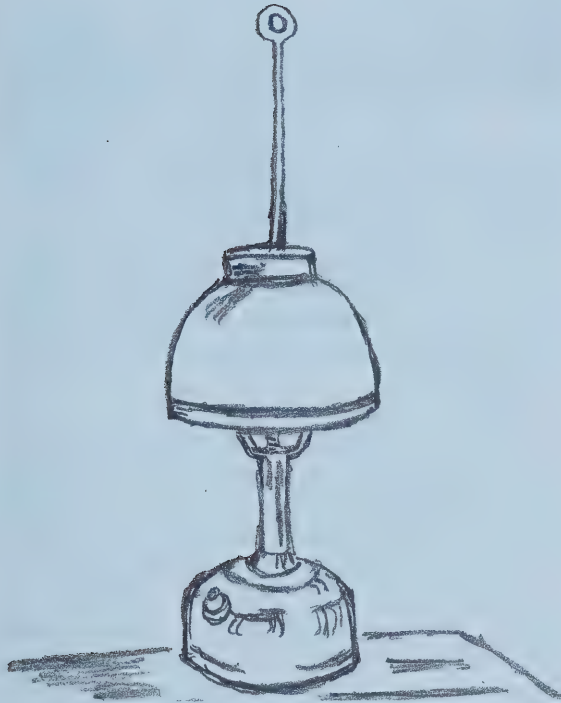
in and carried out again! Water for washing clothes was heated on the cookstove in a "boiler" usually put on to start heating the night before. Some stoves were equipped with a reservoir on one side. This was filled with water and kept warm by the heat of the fire and was a luxury.

The "little house out back" was a unique little building designed for the use of all family members. It generally came with a bench containing small, medium and large size holes. The building was scrubbed regularly with hot water and soap. Creoline was used as a disinfectant and lime was applied regularly as well.

The large round clothes wash tub was often used on bath nights, not the easiest to get into unless one was a child. The water was heated on the kitchen stove causing the kitchen to become nice and warm. The tub was placed on the floor in front of the stove and water poured in. Baths were taken from youngest to oldest with warm water being added as required.

A "slop pail" was necessary to hold dirty water and the scraps of the day. It generally stood beside the washstand until filled and was then carried out and emptied on the "slop pile". Indoor plumbing, in this farming area, came into being in the late 1960's, early 1970's. What a great improvement to life on the farm!

Refrigeration did not come into being until after electricity was available. Most cellars were just a hole dug under the house and the coolest spots were along the dirt walls. Here the perishables were kept. Meat could be kept fresh, buried in the cold grain, until late in the summer. Sometimes a small hole was dug on the north side of the house where milk and cream for daily use would keep fairly cold in the summer. In time, someone thought up the idea of building an ice house. This was a small building built over a fairly large hole in the ground. The men would cut blocks of ice in the winter and place them in the hole together with saw dust. This was covered with



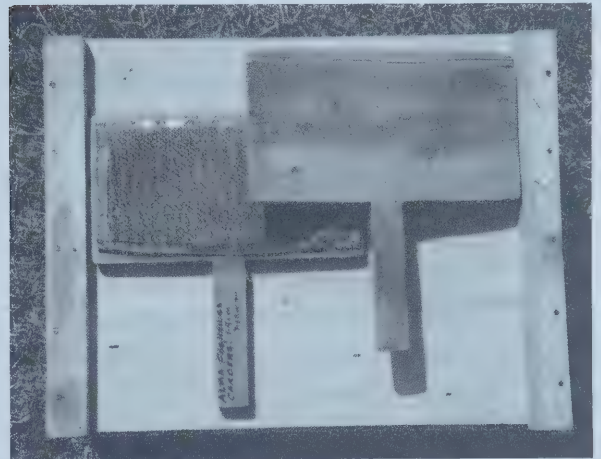
The gas lamp.

a board cover. Milk, cream, butter, etc. kept nice and cold well into the summer or fall.

Electricity, with all the conveniences it provides, is also taken for granted today. The early housewives made their own candles or burned twisted rags in a saucer of tallow or lard for light. Coal oil lamps became available but the price of coal oil was not always on hand. These lamps gave a much better light as long as the wick was trimmed and the chimney kept clean. The gas lamp and/or the Coleman lamp was much improved. This was equipped with a metal bowl, a generator and two small fragile mantles. The bowl contained about one pint of gasoline. Air was pumped into the bowl, pushing the gasoline up to the generator. This in turn had to be heated by holding a lit match close to the generator. Then the valve was turned on and the mantles lit. This gave a wonderful light for the whole room. A lantern was also made on the same principle, only it had a glass shade over the mantle to prevent moths from flying into the flame. This gave a good light for doing the chores. A lamp was invented by Aladdin that had a metal base and bowls, usually a pretty color. It had one large mantle and a tall, slender chimney. This lamp gave a brighter light than the ordinary coal oil lamp. Some used a wick which had to be watched as the flame had a tendency to increase to a point where it could cause a fire.

Eventually light plants generating electricity were invented. This required proper wiring of the buildings to conduct the electricity. This was a thirty-two volt system using sixteen storage batteries. Fairbanks, Morse, Delco Light and MacLeods were some of the manufacturers of this improved system. Some people used a wind charger to generate electricity. How wonderful are the electric lights of today both inside and outside, and not only in one room, but the whole house can be lit up if necessary.

Some people owned sheep for the purpose of obtaining wool. The sheep would be sheared, the wool washed thoroughly, then carded and finally spun on the spinning wheel into yarn. Mothers and daughters spent hours knitting socks, mittens and sweaters for the family.



Alma Foshaug's "Wool carders" from Norway.

To supplement the meager food supply, mothers and children would pick wild berries and mushrooms. Trips were made to the hills around Miquelon Lake where many gallons of raspberries and cranberries were picked. This was a real outing as they would go prepared to spend a few days and slept in a tent. A cow or two was of the utmost importance to provide milk, cheese, butter and cream. The pioneers would share; if one had two cows and one had none, they would lend one to that family. A milk porridge was a common food in the early years. The pioneer women learned to improvise and make-do with what they had. One could not just go to the store and buy groceries as we do today.

Mosquitoes were very bad in those early years. There was no way of controlling the hatching of the eggs. To protect the cows and keep them from running, the farmer would build a smudge. This

was done by making a small fire on the ground and covering it with a mixture of manure and straw. It had to be damp so the fire would smoulder and give off smoke. Later on the small square bales, when wet, were very good to use for a smudge. A pail with a small fire in it and covered with green grass worked well to keep mosquitoes off the person working in the garden.



Note the horse blankets to keep off horseflies and other bugs.

Farmers learned to improvise as well. Some were more adept at certain jobs, for instance “blacksmithing”.

The Blacksmith

by Phillip Anderson

Most of the equipment used by the early settlers contained some iron which with use would bend and break. The bent parts would have to be heated to straighten and in order to do this it would often have to be placed in the cookstove or living room heater.

A few of the settlers had equipment for blacksmithing (working with iron). The most essential was a forge. This was a metal table where special high-heat coal was burned. It contained a small grate in the center where air was blown by a hand-operated fan called a bellows. The amount of air applied controlled the heat. It was important to match the flame with the type and size of iron. The other items necessary included an anvil, tongs of different shapes with two foot long handles and a vice.

The anvil.



The hammer.

These blacksmiths became very skilled craftsmen and made nails, bolts, meat hooks, butcher knives, all kinds of tools, horse shoes, steel rims for buggies and wagon wheels and brackets, etc. for repairs.

The Blacksmith worked with various kinds of iron. **Cast iron**, which was used in sprockets, gears, stove grates, etc. did not bend or break easily. It was difficult to straighten even when hot and could not be welded in a forge. In later years, repairs were made by covering the break with hot brass.

Scrap cast became much in demand for recycling into machinery repairs. Larger towns would have a foundry (a furnace where scrap cast iron was melted). The broken machinery parts were placed in a box of wet sand and when removed, the imprints in the sand were filled with molten cast iron. When the cast cooled the farmer picked up his repair and headed for home to get his machine working again. **Wrought iron** was the most common iron used. It was easy to work with and could be welded by heating the parts in the forge. When the iron started to melt, the two parts to be welded were placed one on top of the other on the anvil and pounded together with a hammer. **High grade steel**, that was used in tools, plough shares, springs, etc. was more difficult to work with in the forge. The higher the grade, the more difficult it became as it would burn very easily. When it is heated, it first turns blue, then red and finally almost white. It is most easily worked when it approaches the white stage. When higher grade steel has been heated, it loses its hardness. To correct this problem, the hot object would be placed slowly into a large container of cold water. The faster the cooling the harder the metal. This was called, tempering. To control the hardness, the Blacksmith would watch the color and as it turned blue he would dip the object in and out of the water, watching the color change. If it turned too quickly, it would become brittle and break or shatter when striking a hard object. If cooled too slowly, it would bend and be worthless.

Broken steel flat-springs, old cylinder teeth from threshing machines, etc. made good material for making knives and tools.

Our Roll of Honour

World War I

Palmer Anderson
Olaf Anders
Ole Berg
Torvald Brocke
Lauritz Eide
Iver Finseth

Monrad Finseth
Olaf Hagen
Chris Immerslund
Hjalmer Immerslund
Parnell Jevning
John Johnson

Ingolf Moen
Iver Moen
Chester Ronning
Nelius Ronning
Emil Rude
George Simonson

Quote from Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta P. 223 by Ragna Steen and Magda Hendrickson:

"We would pay tribute to those of our soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the first world war. In their service to their country, they gave their lives, and we in sacred remembrance of that sacrifice, honor these names: Iver Finseth, Olaf Hagen, Parnell Jevning."

World War II

Members of his Majesty's forces from Bardo, Alberta, who served in the Army or Air Force in World War II, 1939-1945, all returned to their homes safely at war's end.

The Army

Let us address ourselves to our duty, so bear ourselves, that if the British Commonwealth lasts for a thousand years, men will still say, "this was their finest hour". (Winston Churchill - 1940)

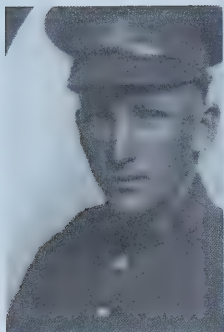
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Foshaug, Merlin	(CPL.)	Lerbekmo, John	(PTE.)
Foshaug, Talbert	(E.D.S.N.)	Stauffer, Leonard	(PTE.)
Jevning, Milton	(CPL.)	Whillans, Gordon	(PTE.)
Jevning, Clifford	(PTE.)		

The Air Force

"Never in the field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few". (Winston Churchill - 1940)

Brekkan, Karen		Steen, Robert	(LAC)
(Carey)	(LAW)	Whillans, Neil	(LAC)
Johanson, Inge	(LAC)	Yoder, Stanley	(SQD. LDR)
Steen, Edna	(LAW)	Yoder, Lorne	(F.O.)





Olaf Anderson - W.W. I,
1917



Torval Brocke, W.W. I,
1916. 202 Regiment.



Sergeant Lauritz Eide,
W.W. I, (C.S.M.).



Ivar Finseth, W.W. I.



Monrad Finseth, W.W. I



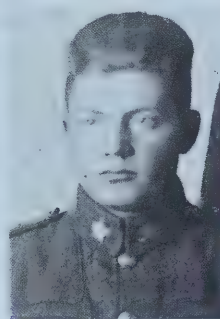
Olaf Hagen, World War I
(1914-1918).



Private Parnell Jevning,
46 Battalion, C.E.F., World
War I.



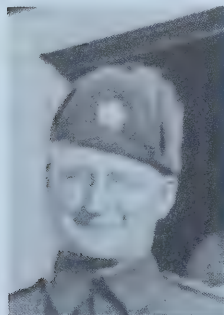
John G. Johnson -
Petawawa, Ontario, 1918.



Ingolf Moen.



Emil Rude, W.W. I.



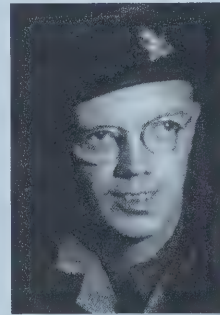
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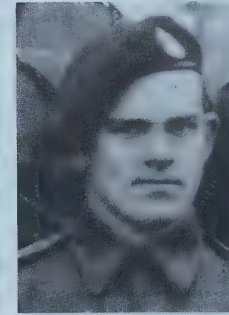
Merlin Foshaug.



Talbert Foshaug.



Cpl. Milton Jevning, Royal
Canadian Artillery Field.
Taken in Brussels in 1945.



Clifford Jevning.



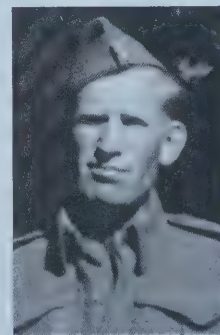
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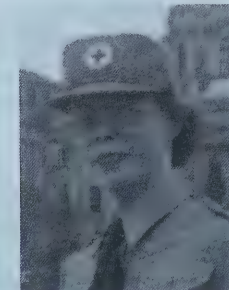
John (Jack) Lerbekmo,
W.W. II, 1944.



Pte. Leonard Stauffer,
1942.



Gordon Whillans.



Karen Moore (nee Brek-
kan). Red Cross Motion
Picture Projection Unit,
about 1941.



Inge Johanson, RCAF at
Calgary, 1943.

Edna Steen, RCAF (WD).

Robert (Bud) Steen,
RCAF.

Neil Whillans.

Canadian Armed Forces

Army

Anderson, Lawrence Sergeant (June 1951 – June 1966)

Air Force

Moen, Arlo

Moen, David

Whillans, Vernon

Radar Technician – 1960-1965

Radar Technician – 1961-1966

Sergeant – 1960-1990

Navy

Alexander (Anderson), Peter – Petty Officer – 1973 – Hillerud, Ernest A. – American Army WW II – son of Maren (Litta Jevning) Hillerud and grandson of Nels Jevning Jevning, Harold (Bud) – Seaman U.S.A. Navy – WW I – son of Olaf Jevning and grandson of Nels Jevning

Note of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Eide had eleven grandsons. Seven were in the WW II Canadian Forces. They are: four sons of Alma (Eide) Nash; Everitt, Danford, Arden and Erling, one son of Johannes Eide; Arnold, and two sons of Clara (Eide) Jevning; Milton and Clifford.

Major Dennis A. Strilchuk, great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Eide is now serving with the United Nations in Mozambique, Africa (1993-1994).

Andrew Finseth's son, Martin, was in the Canadian Army in WW II.

Strand, Kenneth – Staff Sergeant U.S.A. Airforce – 1969 - 1973 – son of Irene (Rude) Strand and grandson of Chris and Bertha Rude.





Sgt. Lawrence Anderson, 1952.



Arlo Moen – Air Force – Radar Technician, 1960-1965.



David Moen – Air Force – Radar Technician, 1961-1966.



Sgt. V.C. Whillans, 30 years in Canadian Armed Forces (1960-1990) – Trenton, Ontario R.C.A.F.



Petty Officer Peter (Anderson) Alexander, 1973. Canadian Armed Forces, Navy.



Harold (Bud) Jevning. Seaman, U.S. Navy. Private in World War I.



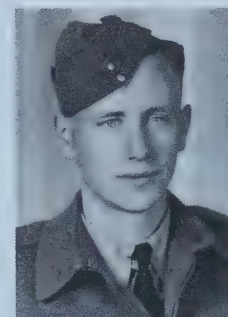
Everitt Nash.



Arden Nash, son of Claude and Alma (Eide) Nash, grandson of Martin Eide. Canadian Army, 1941.



Erling Nash. Gunner, 2nd Field Regiment.



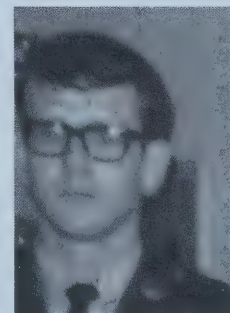
Arnold Eide.



Major Dennis A. Strilchuk, great-grandson of Martin Eide.



Martin, son of Andrew Finseth.



Kenneth Strand.

FAMILY HISTORIES

Anderson, Bersvend and Marit

by B and M Anderson

Bersvend Anderson born December 7, 1821 on the Kroken farm in Bardu, Norway, married Marit Jonsdatter, born December 24, 1826, died 1876. They immigrated to America in 1876. They had been married in 1851 and had nine children. One daughter and one son died in Norway before they came to America.

The children were: Andrew – b. August 1, 1852 – d. 1930, no descendents. John – b. November 11, 1853 – d. 1927 (see history)

Barbro (Finseth) b. September 18, 1855 – d. May 17, 1946 (see history)

Ole (1) b. May, 1857 – d. April 1863 – six years old

Marie b. August, 1859 – d. December, 1949 m. Hans Nashe

Peter (P.B.) b. June 1861 – d. 1943 (see history)

Olea – b. January, 1864 – d. 1875

Ingrid – b. January, 1866 – d. January, 1929 (see history)

Ole (2) – b. May, 1869 d. ?



Bersvend Anderson family. Standing: Marie, Barbro, Peter. Seated: John, Ole, Bersvend, Ingrid, Marit, Andrew and Olea.

As a young man, Bersvend had a great desire to learn but the only formal schooling he had was five weeks of parochial school and one week of studies before Confirmation. He taught himself to read and write. Bersvend was filled with the desire to become an evangelist and the Holy Spirit was his teacher. He traveled about the Northland for the Inner Mission for twenty-five years preaching the Word of God.

Upon arriving in America, their destination was the Red River Valley. They found land near Crookston, Minnesota and settled there. Other relatives in the group were Martin Finseth and family, Andreas Finseth and wife and Nels Jevning and family. For two years Bersvend traveled, mostly on foot, as a layman preaching God's Word to all. After sometime, he accepted a Call from several Congregations and was ordained as a Lutheran minister.



Reverend Bersvend Anderson.

In 1886, Bersvend's wife, Marit, passed away. For eighteen years he pioneered for Christ in the Red River Valley, traveling by boat, horse or skis.

In 1894, nearly 73 years old, Bersvend made the long journey to join a son and other family members and friends in Bardo, in Central Alberta, N.W.T. The aging Pastor found a home and a mission field. He was the only Norwegian Lutheran Pastor for five years and for about eight years the only Hauge Synod (Norway) pastor in Canada. He traveled near and far to bring God's Word and Sacraments to the settlers in all kinds

of roads and weather. Winter saw him in a canvas-covered sled containing a small sheet-iron stove, all of which he made himself. Reverend Anderson became deaf and lost his ability to sing. He was loved by young and old alike and even tho' his official title was Reverend Anderson, everyone was glad to see "Grandpa" Anderson as he was called. Pastor Anderson served at Skandia, twenty-five miles away, Star, fifty miles north of Bardo, and even visited a Norwegian settlement at Stony Plain, eighty miles away.

The time came when he was unable to travel, however, he frequently preached in the home church. His hearing got so bad he had to use an ear trumpet so conversation became difficult at the last.

Reverend Anderson was honored in 1915 by being invited to the annual Convention of the Hauge Synod at Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA. He received a gold-headed cane, but thought it too grand for him. He used it at the Convention but seldom used it after that. If he did use it the gold head was covered with paper.

Pastor Anderson died June 14, 1917, in his ninety-sixth year. He had many friends and no enemies. The love and respect of his fellowmen was given him because he loved them and dedicated his life to their service. All he wanted for a salary was a full house when he preached. He prayed for everyone. He coveted neither gold nor glory on earth; but laid up much treasure in Heaven.

(Exerpts and information from Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta.)

Aasmo, Peder and Ingrid

by Oliver Westby

Peder was born at Finnseth near Sorreisa, Troms County, Norway, on December 6th, 1862, son of Bersvend Olsen and Ingrid Eriksdatter. He was a descendent of the first settlers in the area, Simen Haagenzen and Joran Rasmusdatter, who came north from Alvdaal in Eastern Norway in 1792. He established the farm Nerstua. By the time Peder was born, the Nerstua farm had been split into thirds, one third part called Aasmoen, from which Peder took his surname (formerly Bersvendzen).

Peder had twelve brothers and sisters. Two brothers and a brother-in-law were lost at sea in one night on the Lofoton fishery. This probably influenced his decision to abandon a dangerous occupation and immigrate to America.

Peder immigrated in 1889 to Minnesota. Here he met and married Ingrid Andersen, daughter of

Rev. Bersvend Andersen, who, with his family, had arrived in Minnesota in 1876.

Ingrid was born at Kroken (Nordre) farm, Salangsdalen, Bardu, Troms County, Norway, on January 18, 1866, daughter of Bersvend Andersen and Marit Jonsdatter Boness. The Kroken farm was first worked up in 1809. Anders Pedersen, Bersvend's father, took possession of the property in 1816 and developed the farm. Anders Pedersen and his father Peder Andersen arrived in the area from Inderoy in the 1790's. They probably originated from the Osterdal area in eastern Norway as part of the large migration from that area to northern Norway in the 1790's. The father worked up the Moen settlement in the Bardu valley.



Peter and Ingrid Aasmo.

Ingrid's mother, Barbro Simonsdatter Finnseth, came from the Finnseth settlement in Sorreisa and was the daughter of Simon Haagenzen and Joran Rasmusdatter, the original settlers who arrived at Finnseth, Sorreisa, and the sister of Karen Simonsdatter (b. 1782) who was Peder Aasmo's grandmother through her third son, Bersvend Olsen.

Ingrid's father, Bersvend Andersen, supported his family with farming and Lofoton fishing while in Norway. Being of deep religious conviction, Bersvend started, at a young age, as a lay-preacher and taught school. He lacked formal education, but was remarkably talented and able, like his brother who became a member of Norwegian parliament (Storting) for his district, and taught himself to read and write.

Peder and Ingrid farmed a homestead near Grand Forks, Minnesota. During this period two daughters were born, Ida Bertha in 1896 and Mabel Berniece in 1901. A large contingent of Norwegian immigrants left the Crookston area in 1894 for Alberta and eventually established the Bardo community. Ingrid wished to rejoin her father and other family members in Alberta. Also, they felt that Peder's health might improve in the new location. His health had been impaired in his youth due to conditions on the fishing grounds in the old country.

Peder and Ingrid came to Alberta with their daughters in the spring of 1905. They stayed with friends and relatives for a time, and filed for homestead in the Amisk Creek area. Peder bought a log house in Bardo, pulled it down, and rebuilt it, log by log, on the homestead, and this was their home for many years. He bought timber and built two barns, a chicken house, and a small pig house. Peder felt that the land on the homestead was of poor quality, so he sold it and bought other land in the same area in 1916 and moved the buildings to the new farm. The family built a woodframe house which is still standing on the farm in relatively good condition, but unoccupied.

In the early days, Amisk Creek was full of jackfish, which the settlers salted or canned for winter use. Hans Hillerud travelled through the community with light horses and a wagon equipped with special wooden barrels in which he took the farmers' cream to the creamery. Butter and eggs were traded for groceries and Mabel recalled the bags of peanuts which Mr. Hay often tucked into a box of groceries along with a Bible verse.

The Lutheran Church was the spiritual and social focal point of the Norwegian immigrant groupings which settled the prairies, and many immigrants came from the evangelistic Haugean Movement which sprang up in Norway in reaction to the established church and the religious elite. So it was that Lutheran immigrants in the district decided to form the Bethel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran congregation under the Hauge Synod in

Amisk Creek. Peder was one of the founders and was appointed as deacon of the church.

Peder and Ingrid's lives were centered in their faith and in their church. They participated actively in the religious life of the community. Ingrid worked hard to make their home a happy and comfortable one in a Christian atmosphere. The Lutherans had a very strong singing tradition, and put on many excellent choir performances. This tradition prevailed in their home as well where the family sang together often.

In January 1929 a flu epidemic claimed the lives of both Peder and Ingrid within a week of each other, leaving Ida and Mabel to run the farm during the difficult depression era. Peder lies buried beside his wife Ingrid in the Ryley Cemetery.

WESTBY, John (Johan) and Ida

by Oliver Westby

John was born on April 17, 1907 in the village of Nybergsund, Trysil, Norway, son of Ole Olsen Westby (1872-1942) and Inger Olsdatter Bjerkness (1874-1927). John traces his lineage to the community of Sondre Vestby in Trysil. His ancestor, Jon Bjornsen (1704-1782) first occupied and developed the settlement. John had three brothers and one sister, all of whom remained in Norway and raised families there.

All his life John had a strong love for his country of birth with its rich history, customs and traditions, and maintained ties and friendships with the people back there until his death.

John attended Bjerkeli Ungdoms Folkeskole, a Christian secondary institution located between Elverum and Kongsvinger in Eastern Norway. He later attended Teacher's College in Elverum and was granted his teaching certificate. Teaching jobs were scarce in Norway at that time and may have motivated him to immigrate to Canada, which he did in 1929.

John did not speak a word of English when he arrived from Liverpool in a British steamship. He eventually gained good fluency in English, but retained his Norwegian accent throughout his life.

John met Ida when he worked on the Aasmo farm and they were married in 1935. They had one child, Oliver.

Ida was born in Polk County, Minnesota on December 11, 1896 to Peder and Ingrid Aasmo. They had immigrated from the Bardu area in Troms County, Norway in the 1870's. Ida's grandfather, Rev. Bersvend Anderson, was a traveling Minister in the new Norwegian immigrant



John and Ida Westby.

community in Alberta, so her parents decided to join him and the rest of the family. They moved to Alberta in 1905 and took a homestead in the Amisk Creek area.

From a very young age Ida and her sister Mabel worked with their parents on the farm. In January, 1929, a flu epidemic claimed the lives of their parents. Ida and Mabel continued to run the farm during the difficult depression era.

In 1939, John returned to Norway, with the intention that Ida and Oliver would follow the next year. The German invasion in 1940 precluded these plans, and Ida moved to Bardo where she looked after Aunt Barbro Finseth and Uncle P.B. Anderson and waited for John to return from Europe.

Meanwhile, John was removed from his teaching post by the Nazi occupation decree restricting the profession to Nazi collaborators. John was in his home community of Nybergsund, Trysil at the time, after the invasion when the German forces were consolidating their grip on the country, and when the Norwegian King and government were in full flight, trying to avoid

capture. The King and his entourage took refuge in this community for a short period. The Nazi forces received word from collaborators that the King was in Nybergsund. As a result the village came under severe air attack and was severely damaged.



John Westby and fish.

John returned to Canada in 1943 and the family moved to B.C. shortly after where he took up work as a commercial fisherman. John still had a desire to continue teaching and travelled a second time back to Norway in 1947. Ida and Oliver joined him in 1948. Although Ida had spoken Norwegian all her life, this was the first time that she had seen the land of her ancestors. She integrated quickly into the small community near the Swedish border where John was local schoolmaster, and developed ties of friendship that continued till her death. John and Ida returned to B.C. in 1956 and John took up commercial fishing once more. They rejoined their old congregation at Mount Zion Lutheran Church and participated actively in the life of that church for many years.

In his younger years John was an excellent athlete who did well in high jump and short distance competitions. He also loved to ski. He

was well read and a good public speaker. John and Ida were faithful Christians, and were active in the Lutheran church where ever they lived, serving on church council, in Sunday school, choir or where ever the opportunity lay.

Ida was predeceased by her parents in 1929, her husband John in 1969 and her sister Mabel in 1990. Ida passed away at age 94 on April 3, 1991 in Abbotsford, B.C. and lies buried with her husband in New Westminster, B.C.

WESTBY, Oliver Peder Ingvald Westby

by Oliver Westby

Oliver was born November 23, 1936 in Bardo, Alberta, son of John and Ida Westby (Aasmo). The family had no other children. Oliver was baptized in the Bardo church in 1937 and confirmed in Rade, Ostfold County, Norway, in 1952. He spent his childhood in Bardo and Ryley.

Oliver has early recollections of his time in Bardo where his Mom was looking after Aunt Barbro and Uncle P.B., waiting for John to return from the war. He used to hold long conversations with Aunt Barbro in Norwegian (his first tongue), and remembers her as a very sweet, kind old lady.

Oliver attended his early grades at Anderson School (Bardo). Loolah Lerbekmo presided over all seven grades, and he remembers her as a dedicated, kind and patient teacher, dramatically different from the teachers in the public school system in New Westminster. Oliver's Dad came back from Europe in 1943 and a short time later the family moved to New Westminster, B.C. where Ida's sister, Mabel and her husband had already established themselves. Oliver's father returned to Norway in 1947 to resume teaching, and he and his mother travelled across in 1948. It was quite a change to come from lush, bountiful, Canada to Norway, which at that time was destitute after the war. The family had to cope with unfamiliar concepts such as severe rationing and a shortage of everything, but they adjusted quickly to Norwegian life. Oliver had forgotten the Norwegian he had grown up with and had to relearn it, which put him back a grade in school. The children were much more into sports than in Canada with the many distractions of a wealthier society.

It was by any standard a good childhood, although the country and the people were poor. In the winter, every spare hour was spent on the ski jump hill or running cross country on skis. Soccer was the big game in the summer.

Religious life in the community centered

around the prayer meeting hall (Bedehus) in which his Mom and Dad were actively involved. Churches were found only in the larger centres of the county.

After high school, in 1955, Oliver went to sea on Norwegian merchant ships that traded world wide. After he had gained the required sea time, he came ashore in Vancouver in 1959 to study for his first "ticket" and was reunited with his parents who had moved back earlier.

He "swallowed the anchor" for one period from 1978 to 1983 and taught marine courses at the local marine training institute in North Vancouver, but returned to sea and continues in this profession with his old employer, Seaspan International, of North Vancouver. Oliver is a member of several associations related to his profession. He is a former Board member of the Pacific Marine Training Institute, and is currently a Director of the Nautical Institute, B.C. Branch. He continues to have a strong interest in marine training and other matters relating to his profession.



Oliver and Eileen Westby.

Oliver married Eileen Reil, daughter of a Ryley area pioneer family, Ed and Emma (Hoiem) Reil, in 1962. Eileen works as a secretary in Maple Ridge, B.C. They have two children, Kirsten (b. 1963) and Geoffrey (b. 1968). Kirsten is a buyer for an office supply store in North Vancouver, and Geoff is a student at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.

Oliver and his wife are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Maple Ridge, B.C.

JOHANSEN, Mabel Bernice Oliva

by Grace Krahn (Johansen)

Mabel was born on November 7, 1901, to Peder and Ingrid Aasmo in Grande Forks, Minnesota, U.S.A. in a log cabin on the prairie. The family originated from Bardu, Troms County, Norway, and were part of the large stream that left that country for America in the 1870's.

The winters in Minnesota were very cold and harsh and due to Peder's poor health with asthma, they travelled by train to Amisk Creek near Tofield, Alberta. Ingrid's father, the Reverend Bersvend Anderson, was a travelling preacher there and they wanted to be close to him. They homesteaded on the last piece of land available until they were able to purchase a better piece of land not too far away.

In January, 1929, a flu epidemic claimed the lives of Mabel's parents within one week, of each other. Mabel had one sister, Ida.

On November 19, 1942, at the Bardo Lutheran Church, Mabel was united in marriage to Eric Johansen during one of the worst blizzards in the Alberta history. Though it was a "stormy beginning", that marriage lasted for almost 40 years with much happiness and contentment.

Eric Johansen was born July 2, 1894 in Asker, Norway. In 1906 his family immigrated to the Ponoka, Alberta area. Eric enlisted in the army on May 9, 1918 to train for World War I. They were called the Sunset Battalion as they were the last group to be enlisted. They were never sent to the front and he was discharged June 25, 1919.

Eric took a barbering course the same year he was married to Mabel Aasmo. It wasn't long until they moved to the milder climate of the British Columbia coast.

The Lord blessed them with two daughters after they moved to B.C. Grace was born in 1944 and Ruth in 1945. During this time Eric began a new career as a gillnet fisherman, working the late spring to fall. Because of his asthma Eric always felt better out on the ocean with the "pure air" to breathe.



Eric, Ruth, Mabel and Grace Johanson.

Eric was active in the choir and various positions in the Trinity Lutheran Church and later at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Mabel managed the home for many years while he was out on his boat earning a living.

After a serious car accident in 1959, Eric semi-retired but still went fishing with the help of his brother, Gunnar, as a partner.

Their daughter, Ruth, passed away suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage in November 1979 at the age of 34.

Eric and Mabel moved to Abbotsford, B.C. in 1958, where, they spent the rest of their lives. He passed away quite suddenly on May 17, 1982 at the age of 82.

Mabel was always active in the church she attended. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years, and was an active member of the Ladies' Aid for her entire life. She was an excellent example to family and friends, of her commitment to Christ as well as Church. Many hours were spent in Bible devotions and prayer, especially in her retirement years.

Mabel passed away October 31, 1990 at the age of 88. She is survived by one daughter, Grace Krahn, her husband, Lenard, four grandchildren, Shari Blaskovich and husband, Carey, Richard, Brian and Pauline. She was blessed with one greatgrandchild, Cody whom she adored in her last couple of years.

KRAHN, Grace Elaine (Johansen)

by Grace Krahn

Grace was born on March 20, 1944 in New Westminster, B.C. At that time her parents were attending Nidaros Lutheran Church in New Westminster, where she was baptized. The family moved to North Surrey, B.C. when she was about three years old. At that time the family began attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Delta. As they had no car in the early years, they would take the Sunday School bus to church or for an evening service, they would walk.

When Grace was thirteen, the family joined Christ the King Lutheran Church of Surrey where she was confirmed the following year. She also taught Sunday School and sang in the choir.

June 6, 1964, Grace married Lenard Krahn from Abbotsford, B.C. They moved to a dairy farm and have been farming ever since.

Four children were born during this time; Shari, Richard, Brian and Pauline. They attended the South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church since their marriage and have been active in girl's and boy's clubs as well as choir and Bible Study groups. Their oldest daughter, Shari, was married to Carey Blaskovich in July 1968, and they have two children. Cody is four years old and Trenton was born in April 1992.

So far their whole family is involved with their business. They are producing milk from Holstein cows and also have a processing plant, as well as an office and small store on the farm. They process ice-cream in 40 plus flavors, make feta cheese and also a drinkable yogurt. They distribute dairy products with a delivery-truck to restaurants in Vancouver. Shari job-shares in the office with a neighbor girl three days a week, each. Richard and Brian work the processing plant as well as the farm and Pauline is in high school and works part-time in the processing plant. They also employ a Danish family with two sons who have been with them for about seventeen years.

Grace is predeceased by her sister, Ruth in 1979, her father (Eric) in 1982, and her mother, (Mabel) in 1990. All the memories of a happy home and childhood will be treasured forever.

ANDERSEN, John and Gertrude

John was born in 1853 and passed away in 1927. He and his wife Gertrude (Johnson) immigrated to the United States and lived in Crookston, Minnesota for some years. They moved to Bardo, Alberta, along with adopted

children, Albin, Martha and Bernard, in 1904. They bought SE1/4-1-50-19-4 from the C.P.R.

John and Gertrude were a hospitable couple and welcomed many newcomers from Norway into their home. Gertrude's sister and family (Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Johnson) stayed there in 1888, and Alma and her father, Martin Eide, also stayed with them for a time in 1900.

John had a wonderful bass voice, and although he had a reputation for being strict, the children all liked him enormously. He also loved flowers and would stick one in his coat lapel or the buttonhole of his overalls.

After his wife died, he donated a silver altar service to the Bardo Lutheran Church in her memory.

Albin Anderson married Hazel Hovelson in 1945. Two children were born to them, Randy and Audrey.

Martha Anderson taught school in Fernie, B.C. for many years and Bernard Anderson died of a ruptured appendix at approximately 21 years of age.

ANDERSEN, John Albin and Hazel

by Hazel and Audrey Andersen

Albin was born in Vermland, Sweden on December 18, 1885 to Nils and Marit Persson. In 1889 they immigrated to Warren, Minnesota. When his mother passed away he was placed in a foster home with John and Gertrude Anderson. His father passed away in 1891. Albin and his adopted family moved to Bardo, Alberta in 1904.

Albin moved to Kingman in 1909 where he worked on a ground breaking steam engine and creamery testing station. He later worked at the Horte Store. Albin was Councilor for the Beaver County for fifteen years and also Reeve for two years. He also operated the B.A. Bulk Station in Kingman from 1936 – 1966.

In the 1930's Albin was one of the organizers of the Bardo Male Chorus and led the Kingman Lundemo Brass Band.

On August 23, 1945 Albin married Hazel Hovelson of Kingman and they built a new home. On June 29, 1946 Randy was born and on June 29, 1947 Audrey was born.

One of Audrey's childhood memories was singing in their truck (they had no radio). Her favourite song was "Beautiful Brown Eyes". The children also had the privilege of singing with their Dad in the Easter Contata.

Music played an important role in their lives. Randy won the CFCW Klondike talent show and



Albin and Hazel Anderson.

a recording contract with Royalty Records. He wrote a song with Bev Munroe (CFCW) and recorded it.

Randy married Pat Yake of Camrose in 1967. They had three children, Tammy, Shelley and Aaron.

Audrey married Ron Fisher of Camrose in 1972. They have two girls, Kerri and Kim. Hazel moved to Camrose in 1980 and lives at Heritage Manor. Albin passed away May 21, 1974 and Randy on October 10, 1979.



Audrey and Randy.

ANDERSEN, Peder B. and Marit

Peder (P.B.) was born June 18, 1861 in Norway, the sixth child of Bersvend Anderson. He was fourteen years old when they left Norway. The family first settled in Minnesota in 1876. Peter learned English and attended the Red Wing Seminary. He trained as a teacher. In 1884, he married Marit Strand – born 1867 – died 1934, and returned to farming. They immigrated to Canada in 1894 and filed on N.E. 30-49-18-W4. His father Bersvend Anderson owned N.W. 30-49-18-W4. The house was built mostly on the NW quarter and the barn on the NE quarter, that way they would have a building on each quarter of land.



Mrs. P.B. Anderson, 1913-1914. Emma (Eide), Magda Hendrickson.

Peder was resourceful and a born leader with a sense of humor. He was a pious christian, and held the position of Sunday School Superintendent, choir leader and organist for about twenty-five years. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the School District and Butter Society, as well as a Trustee or President of the Congregation. He was a member of the Temperance Society as well. Later Peder became a Director of the Ryley Creamery and was active in the United Farmers of Alberta. He was Justice of Peace in Bardo and vicinity and held trials in his dining room on occasion. Peder was one of the Founders of Camrose Lutheran College and served on the first Board of Directors. He encouraged all of his children to get a good education. Peder was a lay member of the Church Council of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.

P.B. loved horticulture. He planted new varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers. His wife, Marit, also loved flowers. She imported bulbs and perennials from British Columbia.

P.B. had severe arthritis and used a cane, crutches and finally a wheel chair. He was a shoemaker, so mended the family's shoes and harnesses for the horses.



P.B. Anderson family at Miquelon Lake. Olaf, Benny, Magda, Palmer, P.B. Anderson, Emma, Mrs. P.B. Anderson. (Insert: Inga.)

Marit was only nine when she came to the USA from Norway. She worked for a family who taught her to read and write English. Life was not easy for pioneer mothers. Living in small, log houses with walls covered with newspaper, scarcity of clothing and making do with farm produce supplemented with fish, prairie chicken and rabbits. Yet, the pioneer and early settlers were a hospitable people. Marit was a born leader as well as her husband. In 1898, she organized the Ladies Aid and was the first President. They had bazaars for fund raising, sewed clothing for men and children, carded wool and spun it into yarn, knit and quilted. In later years they put on lutefisk suppers together with the bazaar to earn money. Marit was Mission minded and encouraged gifts to the China Mission, CLC, etc. She was also one of the Presidents of the Women's Missionary Federation (WMF) in the Camrose area.

Marit was not really well and frequently suffered from bronchitis, so much so that she often spent winters at the Coast. She had a stroke in 1934 and died four months later.

The P.B. Anderson home was a place of love and laughter, strict discipline, work, music, games and books. They surrounded their family with their prayers, guidance, ideals and their steadfast faith in God.

(Information from the Anderson history)

ANDERSON, Bersvend (Bennie) and Anne

by Phillip and Norma Andersen

Benny was born in Crookston, Minnesota, in 1889 to parents Peder and Marit Anderson. He moved with his family to Canada in 1864, settling in the Bardo district.

Being the eldest son, he was given many responsibilities. One job was to herd cattle while they grazed, as there were no fences. As a young boy, Bennie learned the art of trapping muskrats, snaring coyotes and rabbits. When the snow was deep he chased coyotes with a saddle horse. One winter he had fifty pelts before Christmas. These brought him enough money to buy a good rifle.

As muskrats and coyotes became less plentiful, Bennie and his brother Palmer, headed for Beaver Hills. There they spent several years trapping and cutting spruce logs. Bennie filed on a quarter section of land on the north shore of Third Miquelon Lake where he built a cabin. In 1908 he cut spruce logs near Fort Saskatchewan and hauled them across Hastings Lake to his father's farm, for the building of a barn. In 1913 he enrolled at Vermilion Agriculture College and was a member of the first graduating class. Later he spent a couple of years at the University of Alberta.

In 1920 Bennie married Anne Hendrickson from Armena, making their home on the Anderson homestead, N1/2-30-49-18. Anne was born in South Dakota in 1894 to parents Gunnar and Martine Hendrickson. At the age of seven years she moved with the family to Canada. She attended her home school in Armena. Having a desire to deepen her spiritual life, she spent two years at Bible School in Fargo, North Dakota. This led to teaching Vacation Bible School in various places. It was while teaching in Bardo that she met



Vacation Bible School held in Edwin Johnson's homestead home, 1916 or 1917. Anne (Hendrickson) Anderson, teacher. Alice Rude is "IT".



Bennie Anderson family, 1941. Back Row: Allen, Clifford, Bernice, Phillip. Front Row: Bennie, Anne.

her future husband. She also served a short time on staff at the Camrose Lutheran College.

Three sons, Phillip, Clifford, Allen and one foster daughter, Bernice, completed their family.

There was always a large household at the Anderson's, including hired help. The family was active in community and church affairs. Bennie played centre field on the Bardo baseball team until he was in his mid-forties. He was noted for his speed as fielder and base runner. While playing his last game with the team, he quit in the fifth inning and handed his glove to son Phillip to finish the game and continue with the team.

Bennie was a firm believer in farm organizations. He helped organize the United Farmers of Alberta (now Unifarm), the Alberta Wheat Pool and Dairy Pool, Co-op Stores, etc. He served as president or director in these organizations. He was extremely interested in politics, serving as Constituency president.

Although Anne was not an R.N., she loved caring for the sick and helped out in many homes where nursing care was needed. She often took sick children to her home to care for them.

Both Bennie and Anne held leading positions in their Church. Bennie was chairman of the Congregation for twenty-five years. He was at one time Canada's representative on the Evangelical Lutheran Church Council in the United States. Anne was active in Lutheran Church Women, Women's Christian Temperance Union and Sunday School.

Bennie and Anne's life on the farm came to an end in 1957 when Bennie suffered a heart attack. They moved to Delta, B.C. with the intention of spending their retirement years there. The following year Bennie passed away and Anne returned to Alberta.

She was in her ninety-seventh year and lived in the Tofield Nursing Home. Most of her time was spent in praying for the Church, family and friends. Anne passed away on February 20, 1992.

ANDERSON, PHILLIP AND NORMA

by Phillip and Norma

Phillip was born in 1921 to Bennie and Anne Anderson of Tofield. As a young boy he showed a keen interest in sports and farming operations. Many a story has been told about Phillip and his brother Clifford's, reckless boyhood adventures. Their Grandpa Hendrickson doubted they would live to adulthood, but they did. Phillip's main farm interest was livestock. He spent twelve years in 4-H and was active in livestock organizations. He also raised and showed shorthorn cattle. His education included studies at Olds Agriculture College and Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute.

Phillip began playing hockey and baseball at an early age. Saturday afternoons in winter, were spent practising hockey with friends and sometimes only his dog. Farm chores had to be done in the forenoon.

In 1951, Phillip married Norma Haugland from LaGlance, Alberta. Norma, daughter of Sigurd and Inga (Johnson) Haugland was born in 1923. She grew up on her parents' farm with four sisters and three brothers. Being the second oldest, she received a great deal of training in baby-sitting and household chores. After high school she worked at various jobs in Grande Prairie, Edmonton and Camrose. Two years were spent at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. That is where she met Phillip.

Phillip and Norma lived on the old farmstead, farming together with Phillip's father and brother Clifford until his father's retirement. They then took ownership of the home farm. In 1957 fire destroyed the barn, together with many farm animals.

A move was then made to the west quarter (Bersvend Anderson's homestead) where Phillip's grandparents, and later his parents had lived. A barn was built as well as other needed farm buildings.

Their children, Faye, Sandra, and Bruce were introduced to mixed farming at an early age. They spent many hours with Mom in the truck, hauling grain from the combine and also on the tractor, baling hay or straw. Later they took over, as part-time truck and combine operators, which was a welcome break for mom. Besides school studies they were involved with music, 4-H and sports.

The whole family has been active in community and church. Phillip has served on a number of boards and committees, not only in the local congregation but also at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Lutheran Evangelistic Movement and Hastings Lake Bible Camp. Before marriage he was on the National Luther League Board and travelled to various places in Western Canada in Youth Evangelism. Now he is happy to turn the leadership over to younger people. He is still active in the county Gideon Camp.

Norma taught Sunday School for several years, loved singing in the choir, and continues serving in the Evangelical Lutheran Women's organization. The children were active in Youth organizations and all three spent some time studying at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute.

In 1986 Phillip and Norma sold their farm machinery and rented out the land. Phillip began raising Arabian horses and is presently enjoying driving in parades and competitions. He is on the Board of Central Alberta Klondyke Driving Association.



Phillip Anderson with a team of his Arabian horses in a parade. Covered wagon and original Prairie Breaking plow (wood).

Faye was born in 1953. She took her nurse's training in Red Deer. She married Stanley Pederson and they live on their farm at Tilley, Alberta. They have three children, Mandy, Kendra and Zane.

Sandra, born in 1954, was employed as Bank Department Supervisor in Calgary for several years. She married Paul Rider, a Mechanical Contractor, and they live in Calgary. They have two sons, Justin and Curtis.

Bruce was born in 1963. He has worked at various jobs and spends part of his time at home with his parents.

In 1990 Phillip and Norma purchased a house and moved to Tofield. Now they enjoy a 'busy' retirement.



Phillip and Norma Anderson family. Back Row: Sandra and Paul Rider, Bruce, Stan Pederson. Middle Row: Justin Rider, Phillip, Mandy and Faye Pederson. Front Row: Curtis Rider, Norma, Zane and Kendra Pederson.

Clifford and Doris Anderson

by Doris Anderson

Clifford Anderson, second son of Bennie and Anne Anderson, was born in 1923. He grew up on his father's farm in the Bardo Community on the land which his grandfather had homesteaded in 1894. He took all his schooling at the Anderson School. He farmed with his father and brother, Phillip, and also operated a trucking service, hauling milk and cream to the Round Hill Creamery. Clifford attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute from which he graduated in 1951. The following fall he enrolled at Luther Seminary in Saskatoon but because of ill health had to forego further studies.

On June 17, 1952, he married Doris Axelson of Scandia, AB. They met at CLBI from which Doris graduated in 1950. She then worked in the Brooks, AB area, at several jobs until their marriage. They resided on Clifford's farm (Mahlon Bender's farm). It was here their three children were born. In 1962 they sold their farm to Henry Penner and moved to Rimbey, where they farmed for one and one-half years. In the spring of 1964 they moved to Scandia in Southern Alberta where Doris was born and grew up. Here they bought an irrigation farm. They raised hay and grain, cattle and hogs. After six years, a lot of work and a lot of back problems, Cliff decided to get out of farming and get a job instead. He started to work with the Eastern Irrigation District. He was water supervisor in Scandia for four years. In the fall of 1974 Cliff was transferred to the Tilley District where they have been ever since.

There was a nucleus of a Lutheran Congregation in the Tilley District. Cliff and Doris became members there and have been active in all its organizations.

Cliff has enjoyed his work with all the farmers as it kept him close to the farm life which he enjoyed.

Doris worked for eighteen years at a fresh vegetable packing plant. She decided to retire when Cliff turned sixty-five. Someone had to retire! Cliff will officially retire on April 1, 1992. But, being Cliff, he will probably find some job to do.

Clarice, the eldest daughter, born in 1953 married in 1971, has five boys and became a grandmother last fall (1991). She was divorced several years ago. She is now back at college working on a business management course. Clarice lives in Lethbridge.

Roger, born in 1955, is married to Joan and has two girls. They live in Scandia. Their new venture is the "Prairie Oasis" which is a restaurant and service station on Highway 36 just north of Scandia. Roger is also fire chief of the fire department.

Ardis, born in 1960, is not married. She took a photography course and got her certificate at N.A.I.T. She operates a photography business.

Besides the three children, Cliff and Doris have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their children and grandchildren all live fairly close to them, so they see them quite often. They all enjoy gathering at the lake where they can boat, fish and water ski with grampa's boat.

At present Clifford and Doris are in a transition period. Their plans are to spend the

remainder of their years between the Brooks Area in the summertime, and Yuma, Arizona, in winter where they have grapefruit two feet from their kitchen window.

Allen and Irene Anderson

by Allen and Irene

Allen, the youngest son of Benny and Anne Anderson, was born on March 25, 1930, and raised on the Anderson homestead. He attended the Anderson School at Bardo. Allen left home at the age of seventeen. He drove transport trucks, worked in the Yukon for a time, then took a job working on the pipeline which eventually took him to Vancouver, B.C.

In 1958, Allen married Irene Rud, a girl he met at Bible School a couple of years before. She was born in 1933 and lived most of her life, before marriage, in Vancouver, B.C.

Allen took a four year apprenticeship in diesel mechanics and worked for the forestry department in Northern B.C. until he settled in the Vancouver area. In 1978, Allen, Irene and family moved to the U.S.A. and settled in Anaheim, California.

Allen and Irene have four children. Beverly Anne was born in New Westminster, B.C. on November 26, 1959. Carol Joy was born in North Vancouver, B.C. on September 29, 1961. Sharon Louise was born in Terrace, B.C. on May 11, 1963 and Bradley Marvin was born in New Westminster on February 28, 1966.

In 1987, Beverly married David McRoberts, an electronics engineer. They have three sons: Nathaniel Travis, Cameron Allen, and Aaron Nicholas. They live in Ontario, California.

Carol married Robert (Mike) Seeley, a



Clifford and Doris Anderson family. Standing: Ardis Anderson, Terry Schaaf, C.N. Anderson, Darrin Schaaf, Laura Schaaf, Joan and Roger Anderson. Seated: Clifford and Doris, Clarice and Lara. Kneeling: Carl James (C.J.), Shawn Anderson, Kristy and Carrie.



Allen Anderson family, 1993. At left: Beverly and David McRoberts, Cameron, Aaron, Nathaniel. Center: Bradley, Irene, Allen. At right: Mike and Carol Sealy, Tiffany, Justin. Far right: Sharon and Bradley Self.

commercial photographer, in 1986. They have two children; Tiffany Renee and Justin Michael. They live in Santa Ana, California.

Sharon is a systems engineer working with a company called E.D.S. She makes her home in Anaheim, California, but travels around the country as a consultant. She married Brian Self on August 15, 1992. Brian is an engineer/salesman for computers.

Bradley is an electronics technician as well as a musician and plays in a rock band. He is also living in Anaheim, California.

Anderson, Palmer and Adelia (Rorem)

Information from Alice Marie

Palmer Ingvald Anderson was born on April 8, 1892, at Crookston, Minnesota, to parents Peter and Marit Anderson. At the age of two the family moved to Bardo, Alberta, where he received his primary education, a course at Normal School in Camrose, and graduated from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, in 1919. He also attended Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and taught in various elementary schools in the home area and two years at Camrose Lutheran College.

Adelia Myrtle Rorem was born November 4, 1892, on a farm near Roland, Iowa, to parents Tom and Alice Rorem. When Rorems moved to the Bardo area in 1907 their first hosts were the P.B. Andersons who made room for them while their house was being built. While growing up, the Rorems shared much in activities and ideals with the young Andersons and the young Ronnings, and they stayed in close touch all their lives. Palmer and Adelia were in the same classroom for Grades 8, 9, and 10. Adelia finished high school in Edmonton and took Normal School training in Camrose, but even before graduation she taught school in Kingman and another place where she had full responsibility for Grades 1-7. This was because there was a shortage of teachers. She also studied at the University of Alberta, and for six months at Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

On June 22, 1921, Palmer and Adelia were married. They left for the China mission field on September 15 of that year. After nine months of study at the language school in Peking they were stationed in Fancheng, Hepeh, to assist in the high school there. The next year Palmer was called to assist Reverend John Bly who was the principal of the boys' high school in Sinyangchow. In 1927 all missionaries were evacuated because of civil war and they returned to the United States.

In August of 1929 the Andersons returned to



Palmer and Adelia (Rorem) Anderson in Hong Kong.

China; Palmer to serve as a principal of the American school for missionaries' children on Kikungshan, Honan. The school had one good year. The countryside was quiet and free from military action or bandit disturbance. But by fall it became necessary to evacuate to Hankow where school was conducted at the Lutheran Home and Agency, wherever space could be found. Early in the next year it was thought safe to return to home base where they remained until the summer of 1931. Then it was again necessary to return to Hankow. During the latter part of the summer the school was moved to Kuling, Kiangsi, where it continued until the summer of 1935 when it returned to Kikungshan.

At the close of the school year, 1936, the family returned to the States for a furlough. In August 1937 they were ready to return to China but were detained at home because of the war with Japan. So, during the next year, Palmer served in various churches in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The family lived with Adelia's parents in Bardo. By this time they were a family of six: Carol, the oldest, was born in Sinyangchow on December 16, 1923; Alice Marie was born January 8, 1927, in Kikungshan; Wilfred was born April 17, 1930, in Kikungshan; and Grace was born at Kuling, September 15, 1931.

The Mission Board asked Palmer and three other former missionaries, if they would be willing to return to the mission field and leave their



Palmer and Adelia Anderson family. Back Row: Carol, Alice Marie, Palmer. Front Row: Adelia, Grace, Wilfred.

families at home for one year. All were willing and they left in the fall of 1939. Palmer served on the West Field until it was necessary to leave because of communistic activities in the city which was already occupied by them. Because their presence made it difficult for the Chinese Christians, Palmer and Reverend Nesse requested permission to return home. Palmer arrived home in the spring of 1942.

In the autumn of 1952, Palmer was asked to join in the work among the large numbers of mainland Chinese in Hong Kong, so he and Adelia served there until 1958. During his furlough, Palmer had a heart attack so their return to Hong Kong was delayed until late spring of 1960. His health was failing and he felt unable to do all that he should, so he asked for permission to discontinue. Palmer and Adelia returned home in the spring of 1964. Adelia's life had been very much entwined with, and influenced by, the family of her Hannah in China. Adelia and Palmer retired to Minneapolis in 1969.

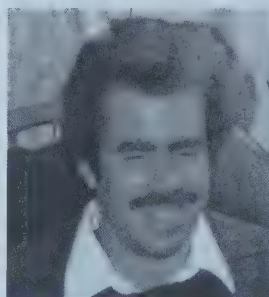
Palmer loved the Word and those he served as pastor or teacher and was always much concerned about their spiritual welfare. He loved music and set many Bible passages to music, sometimes using Chinese melodies and sometimes composing his own. He also loved poetry and God had given him the gift of writing. Palmer passed away in 1972.

Adelia wrote in 1987: "Palmer and I were so very thankful to the Lord for the privilege of serving Him a few years in our foreign field. Conditions were not always peaceful, but whether we were together or he out there alone and the children and I at home, our hearts were always in the work and God was always near." The main

theme of anything she wrote (and now writes) is thankfulness and a willing spirit to go ahead with what they felt called to do. The time span of their work in China included fearful and dangerous happenings. Personal friends and co-workers were kidnapped, held for ransom, and sometimes killed during those turbulent years.

Adelia is still able to live in her own home at 4535 Blaisdekk Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55409. She attends Sunday worship services and sometimes also her favorite mission support groups, assisted daily by Carol and Wilfred. Even after illnesses and surgeries, memory loss which is a great trial to her, she maintains her dearest interests and concerns through an active prayer life to this present day. On March 10, 1992, she looked at the calendar and said, "This was the date of my confirmation!"

Besides the four children born to Palmer and Adelia, there are seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Adelia Anderson family – November 4, 1991. Adelia (Rorem) Anderson, 99th birthday. Back Row: Mark Huus with Jennifer, Jack Huus, Carol Anderson, Pam Egger Huus, Brad Huus with Michelle, Wilfred Anderson, Bob Sanoden. Middle Row: Kathy Pereira Huus, Alice Sanoden, Christopher Huus, Jesse Pearson, Russ Sanoden, Kathy Pearson. Front Row: Grace Huus, Marcia Sanoden, Adelia Anderson, Micah Pearson, Sammy Pearson. Top Insert: Jim Sanoden. Bottom Insert: Bill Pearson, Photographer. (Not pictured: Kari Huus, China.)

Carol Anderson

by Carol Anderson

Carol was born December 16, 1923, in China, to parents Palmer and Adelia Anderson. She was raised in China, Bardo, Alberta, and St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.A. Her parents were missionaries to China. Carol has one brother, Wilfred and two sisters, Alice Marie and Grace.

Carol graduated from high school in St. Paul in 1941. She received her RN from Fairview Hospital in 1947 and her B.Sc. in Public Health Nursing from the University of Minnesota in 1957.

Carol was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church where she has continued her membership.

Carol's occupation has mainly included four years as a County Public Health Nurse for the State of Minnesota, seven years for the St. Paul Family Nursing Service, ten years as a missionary nurse under the Lutheran Church in Tanzania, four years as a staff nurse in a Nursing Home and since 1981 has been doing private duty nursing in homes.



Carol Anderson.

In years gone by she was very active in tennis, skiing, and canoeing in the US/Canadian border area. However, now, action has dwindled to hiking and biking.

Carol hopes that a little "horn tooting" will be forgiven because she is proud to have earned "Cum Laude" with the Bachelor of Science degree. Two years worth of A's and B's at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, were automatically demoted to C's when she transferred to the University of Minnesota.

Carol's predominant current interest is a passion for the Grand canyon. She desires to learn everything possible about it. She was inspired by a number of trips, including two rafting expeditions on the Colorado River within the Canyon.

Carol's main residence now is at 4625 Nicollet #3, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Russel and Alice Marie Sanoden

Alice Marie (Anderson) Sanoden

I am the second child of Palmer Ingvald and Adelia Myrtle (Rorem) Anderson, Alice Marie. My birthdate is January 8, 1927, and the place was Kikungshan, Honan, China. I can remember living in a house a short distance up a hill from the buildings of the American School where Dad was the principal and Mother also helped with teaching duties. There was snow enough in winter to take fine long toboggan rides, and then in the spring we rolled down our stockings, rolled up our long johns and went looking for early violets. There were fragrant white mock orange bushes here and there on the hillsides, and wild azaleas flaming in shades of pink and cerise. All who lived there in that place speak of its beauty. I also remember the rousing "hymn sings" in the ecumenical chapel in the valley. But I remember fear, too – wild animals and bandits to be wary of, the former perhaps exaggerated by teasing school mates but the latter were a real threat and worry to the teachers and my parents. There was never time to organize them into albums, but there are lots of snapshots of us four children who were all born in China.

In 1936, when I was nine years old, we came back to the United States. Dad's brother made a heroic trip in his car to come and meet us at ship's landing and we six rode back to Alberta with Uncle Olaf! I don't remember the problems that must have entailed but I do recall the horror of the car accident just before we arrived at our new home. I spent my seventh grade in the upstairs classroom of that famous Anderson (Bardo) school. That year we lived in the big white Rorem house, Grandpa and Grandma made room for all. Of course Carol and I knew nothing about horses but the cousins down the road at Hendricksons drove the buggy to Tofield for music lessons.

Back in St. Paul I took junior and senior high school at Murray School, graduating in 1944. I began Concordia College, Moorhead, where my music studies especially were enjoyable but the competition in performance was so daunting that I was sometimes in despair. Being a member of the choir however was fine – no solos required from me – there was safety in the group! I was engaged to Russell Sanoden during my senior year, graduating in 1948.

I worked in Yankton, South Dakota, for one year as a parish assistant at Trinity Lutheran Church. That same year my U. S. citizenship was finalized and our wedding was on September 10,

1949, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. It was the same congregation where I had been confirmed. Russ and I shared a duplex in Minneapolis, and I found work at the Gas Company downtown. The downstairs man was sharing child care with his wife, a nurse who did night work, and he and Russ both did a lot of house and plumbing repair between their classes at Luther Seminary. Russ learned to know Mareo Yoshida, a Christian from Omi Hachiman, who came from Japan on a business trip. His personality was open and winsome, and he described the needs of his country as he saw it. "Why don't you come. . .we have so few to help." We considered that for quite a while and decided to go.



Alice Marie and Russel Sanoden.

We took baby Kathy and with a group of friends the same age sailed for Yokohama on one of the "President" liners. Later on, the home-leave trips were all by air. The first year we studied Japanese in Tokyo – and have continued to struggle with it ever since. We had no intention of teaching English but were forced to, along with our church work because of the constant requests from young and old.

We worked in the Tokai area of Honshu, then the southern part of Kyushu Island. Everyone knows the dramatic change in the nation of Japan since the end of WW II, and we could observe many of those changes. We retired to St. Paul in

1988. We have contact with many Japanese people also here in Minnesota, and we both work with supporting and encouraging the members of a small Japanese language congregation in Minneapolis.

KATHRYN CLAIRE, born Minneapolis, April 14, 1952; Counsellor, Mental Health Center William J. Pearson, born Minneapolis, May 15, 1951; Pastor, Dalbo, Mn.

Jesse Kaj, April 8, 1981; St. Paul

Samuel Noah, October 18, 1983; LaCrosse, WI

Micah Leif, March 1, 1986; LaCrosse, WI

JAMES PALMER, born Tokyo, Japan, November 18, 1953; U. S. Customs Service, Los Angeles

MARCIA JOY, born Tokyo, Japan, August 11, 1957; Computer Graphics, Musician, Minneapolis

ROBERT DALE, born Kyoto, Japan, April 24, 1960; T.I.E.S. Company, St. Paul



Russ and Alice Sanoden home – St. Paul, Minnesota.

Grace Muriel Anderson Huus

by Grace Huus

Grace was born September 15, 1931, in Kuling, Kiangsi, China, to Adelia and Palmer Anderson. She is the youngest daughter. She lived in China until age 4, then returned with the family to the United States.

Grace graduated from high school in Canton, South Dakota, nurses' training in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. She worked in various nursing positions until 1980, then trained as a radiation therapist, after which she was employed at Mayo Clinic until 1989. She now only occasionally works in the profession.

Grace married John Huus in 1956. They lived in Rochester, Minnesota, where John was a social worker for many years. Later, he was an administrator in the county government. He took



Grace (Anderson) and John Huus.

early retirement in 1989 and is now employed as a self-employment consultant.

John and Grace have three children: Jon Bradley, b. 1958, married Pam Eggers in 1986. They have two children, Christopher Mark, b. 1987 and Michelle Christine, b. 1991. They live in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Jon is a claims manager for a large health insurance company.

Mark Randall, b. 1959, married Kathy Pereira in 1985. They have one child, Jennifer Christine, b. 1991. Mark is an architect and they live in a suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Kari Christine, b. 1961 is unmarried. She lives in Beijing, China, where she is a journalist for Newsweek magazine.

In 1989 John and Grace moved to their lake property in Wisconsin where they are building their own home. A high point of their retirement was a seven-week trip around the world in 1991.

Olaf and Nora Anderson

Information from Lawrence Anderson

Olaf was born in Bardo on February 21, 1896, the youngest son of P. B. Anderson. He resided in Bardo until he was drafted into the Army in World War I. Olaf was sent to England and the Armistice was signed just before he was to go to France. Upon his return from overseas he bought one quarter of land one mile east of his father's homestead.



First Anderson tractor with Olaf Anderson driving.

Olaf played on the Bardo baseball team. He also played the snare drum in the Bardo Band and the Army Bugle Band. He sang bass in the male chorus and church choir. Olaf graduated from the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in 1934 in Camrose.

Nora Rude, oldest daughter of C. J. Rude, was born in Minnesota, U.S.A. on July 29, 1898. She came to Bardo with her parents in 1902. Nora loved horses and did a lot of riding and driving in those days. She sang in the Bardo Church choir, and also solos and duets with Carrie Eggen. Sometime in the early 1920's Nora and Carrie ran an Ice Cream Parlor and quick order Food Shoppe in Holden. They specialized in waffles. Nora and sister Irene cooked at Camrose Lutheran Bible Institute in the early 1930's.

Olaf and Nora were married on July 2, 1937. They resided on their farm until 1952. As well as grain farming, they raised chickens and sold eggs to the hatchery in Edmonton. They both loved gardening, Olaf his fruit trees, and Nora her flowers. Their farm was a real show place in Bardo.



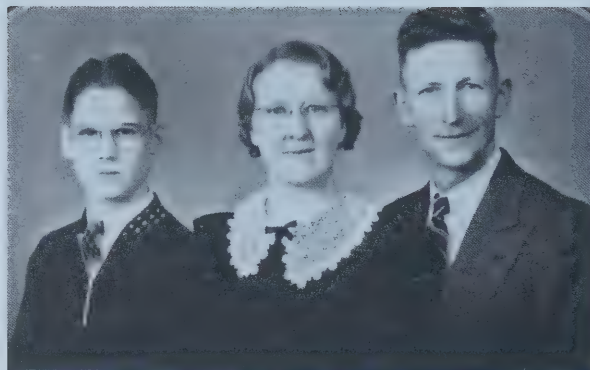
Nora and Olaf Anderson, 1971. Living in the old "teacherage" on the Anderson School corner.

Olaf and Nora were very active in the community. They both sang in the church choir and taught Sunday School. Olaf was active on the CLBI Council, and also in the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Nora was an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Ladies' Aid Society.

When they sold the farm they lived in Edmonton for a while then back to Bardo in the school teacherage where Olaf was caretaker of the Anderson School which had become the community centre. They then retired to Camrose in 1972. Nora passed away suddenly on September 11, 1974. Olaf stayed in Camrose for some years and then moved to the Tofield Senior Citizen Lodge until his passing on March 29, 1983.

Before moving to Tofield, Olaf bought a Datsun truck with a small camper on the back and right up until the summer of 1982 you never knew where or when he might show up for a visit. When you saw his truck coming, your heart was always filled with joy. Both Olaf and Nora are at rest in the Bardo Cemetary. We know they are both singing in God's Heavenly Choir. Olaf and Nora had one adopted son, Lawrence (Larry) Anderson.



Lawrence, Nora, Olaf Anderson.

Lawrence (Larry) Murray Anderson by Lawrence

Larry was born March 1933 in Edmonton and came to Bardo in 1939. He attended public school there and one year at CLBI. Grade ten was completed at Camrose Lutheran College. Larry then joined the Canadian Army in 1951. Within six months he was sent to Germany with NATO.



Sgt. L.M. Anderson receives the trophy for the most improved PMQ grounds for the summer of 1965. Presented by Major M.G. McCannel, Chairman of the Griesbach Association.

While in Germany he was on parade and inspected by General Eisenhower, Queen Elizabeth, and spoke personally to Prince Phillip. For a boy from a small farm in Bardo, this was a real thrill. Larry returned to Canada in 1955 and was stationed in different places until he took his discharge in 1966 with the rank of Sergeant. He then became a social worker for three and one half years. Larry then decided on a sales career. He won trips to Mexico and Bermuda as well as a few within Canada and the U.S.A. He remained in

sales until 1983 when he came down with M.S. and had to retire. Larry started a company from his home which he calls 'Academy Printing.' This was supposed to be a hobby but now finds he is printing an average of 18,000 business cards a month.

While in Germany, Larry married Elizabeth Weidlich. They have four children. Donald married Michelle Gratton. He lives at Slave Lake where he is a commercial painter. His main interests are fishing and outdoor life. They have two children: Barry, born August, 1971, lives in Toronto. He works in a theatre, setting props and also does some acting; Tammy, born August, 1972, is finishing High School in Edmonton.

Peter is in the Canadian Forces. While in Germany he married Renata Stark. They have one daughter, Melanie, born December 1983. Peter and Renata are divorced. He lives in Greisbach and raises Melanie. Peter's main hobbies are gardening and skiing.

Karen married Roman Zajonz. They have two sons, Roman Jr. born May, 1980, and Benjamin born March, 1991. Roman owns his own drywall business. His main interest is fishing. Karen keeps books for the business and makes lawn ornaments. They live in Edmonton.

Susan married Roger Fell, a heavy duty mechanic. They live in Harry Hill. They both love the outdoors and do a lot of canoeing and rafting. Susan is a qualified computer teacher. They have two children: Kimberly, born April, 1974, and Joshua, born February, 1979. Kimberly has a son,

Zackery, born September, 1991. Larry is now a proud great grandpa. Larry and Elizabeth separated in 1969.

Larry married Sheila Kennedy from Drayton Valley in 1973. She had five children from her previous marriage. After marriage, Larry adopted the children.

Theresa married David Syvenky of Edmonton. He owns his own sign business. Theresa worked in the bank for several years. She now has a day-care centre in her home. They have one son, Jordan, born July, 1990. They both like camping, water sports and public speaking. Theresa is also very musical.

Sandra married Darrel Masse of Drayton Valley. He owns a tank truck business. They also love camping and water sports. Sandra does the books for the business and is presently taking computer training. They have two children: Amberly, born March, 1983, and Cory, born November, 1986.

Kenneth married Heidi Soroohan. Ken works for the City of Edmonton in finance. Heidi works for the Blue Cross. They live in Edmonton. Their main interests are live theatre and shopping.

Darrel married Bonnie Therrien. They have a daughter, Samantha, born March 1991, premature and weighed in at 1 pound, six ounces. As of December 1991 she weighs just over 10 pounds and all seems well. Darrel works for an aluminum siding company and Bonnie is a dental assistant. They live at home with Mom and Dad Anderson.

Shaunna lives at Drayton Valley and manages a Turbo Service Station. She is active in Air Cadets and sky diving and is also very musical.

Larry and Sheila live in Edmonton. Sheila is a department manager with Beaver Lumber. She loves music, travel and gardening. Larry took after his Mom and Dad as he loves trees and flowers. Since he contracted M.S. Sheila plants the flowers and you'll see Larry tending them on his hands and knees.

They belong to Emmaus Lutheran Church and both have a deep faith. Both love to travel and fish. At one time they did a lot of hiking, now this is done on a Quad as Larry has trouble walking. Larry praises the Lord everyday for being raised in Bardo and getting parents like Olaf and Nora. As Larry says, "They didn't just talk their faith, they lived it and set an example that will live with Larry, Sheila, and their family forever."



Lawrence and Sheila Anderson, 1991. Going up on left: Lawrence (Larry), Sheila, Theresa, Sandra, Darrel, Shaunna, Susan. Coming down on right: Kenneth, Karen, Donald. Insert: Peter.

George and Magda Hendrickson

(by James Hendrickson)

George Emil Hendrickson was born in Clinton, Minnesota, on February 23, 1892, the fifth child of Gunnar O. Hendrickson and Martine Lyseng, who moved from Minnesota to the Armena district in 1901, where they settled on a farm. After completing public school, George returned to Minnesota and attended Augsburg College for a year, and then in 1911 became a member of the first class to attend Camrose Lutheran College, from which he graduated from the Academic program in 1914 and the Commercial in 1915.

He became a grain buyer for the United Grain Growers in southern Alberta and was drafted into the army in 1918, only to be selected as personal driver for his major during the course of basic training. On June 25, 1922 he married Magda Pauline Anderson, the youngest daughter of P.B. Anderson and Marit (Strand) Anderson. Magda was born in Bardo, December 3, 1899, took Grade 10 at CLC, and completed her high school in Lawrence, Washington. After four months of Normal School training, she taught school in Viking, and the following year in the Anderson School at Bardo. After marriage, they spent their first year in Kelsey, where George had been transferred, and the next four years on the family farm in Armena, where their first two children were born – Gordon Palmer, on June 23, 1923, and Doris Marion on October 27, 1927.

In 1928, they bought the John B. Anderson farm and moved to Bardo. Three more children followed: James Emil, on May 1, 1932, Mary Pauline on May 13, 1934, and Joyce Anne on September 2, 1939. George, who was never that interested in farming, bought a truck and for many

years hauled grain, livestock, milk and cream, fuel and lumber. He could always be counted on to transport school teams to inter-school competitions, deliver campers and supplies to Hastings Lake Bible Camp, and fetch supplies for the annual Bardo Sports Day. During his absences, all of the children in turn pitched in with the chores and other farmwork, and herded cattle along the road allowances.

Magda was especially active in music activities, church work (especially the Women's Missionary Federation of which she served as president of the Canada District) and the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). It was participating in these activities that led her to collaborate with Ragna Steen in writing 'Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta', which was published in 1944. The next year she went back to teaching, first at Amisk Creek, then Ingram and then back to Bardo when the new Anderson school was built. High blood pressure forced her to quit teaching for a year but she returned the following year to a smaller school, Togo, and the next three years in Holden. In 1958, thirty years after moving to Bardo, they decided to move to Camrose, where Magda taught for another three years before retirement. In 1962, they sold the farm to Olive and Ivan Foshaug.

George and Magda were strongly committed to Bardo and played an active role in community affairs. Life-long supporters of CLC (now Augustana University College), CLBI (Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute), and Hastings Lake Bible Camp, they placed high priority on education and took great pride in the attainments of their children. A great personal tragedy, from which they never recovered fully, was the sudden death of their daughter, Mary, from cancer in the prime of her career.

Winner of a Governor General's medal in grade nine at Bardo, and valedictorian of her graduating class at CLC, Mary went on to win numerous academic and athletic awards while earning a B.Ed. degree in Physical Education at the University of Alberta. She lectured briefly and coached basketball at the universities of Manitoba and Calgary, when a back injury persuaded her to pursue an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Ohio State University. Following a brief stint as Educational Director for the Association of Rehabilitation Centers in Evanston, Illinois, and post-graduate study at the University of Chicago, she joined the staff of the University of Alberta as an assistant professor in Medical Sociology. She was devoting full-time to an Alberta Health Care



George and Magda Hendrickson family. Joyce, Doris, Mary, Magda, George, James, Gordon.

research project at the time of her death on July 6, 1969 at age 35.

George died in Camrose on March 27, 1971. Magda resumed writing as her avocation, publishing a novel, 'This Land is Our Land' (1972), and a book of short stories, 'Purple Hill' (1976). In 1981 she moved to Bethany Home, Camrose, where she died on April 23, 1989.

Gordon and Grace Hendrickson

(by Gordon)

Gordon Palmer, eldest son of George and Magda Hendrickson, was born on June 23, 1923, in Armena, Alberta and moved with the family to Bardo in 1928 where he attended school until Grade 11. He recalls regretting that he lived so close to school because it meant having to go home for lunch and return after all the teams had been chosen. In winter, when they played hockey, he laced his dad's skates over his mocassins and used Eaton's catalogues for shin pads. He also remembers receiving a very special present on his third birthday. It was a trained Shetland pony named Prince, who was brought right into the house and made to lie down on the kitchen floor.

Gordon attended both CLBI (Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute) and CLC (Camrose Lutheran College) in Camrose, graduating from Grade 12 in 1943. The next year he enrolled at Luther Seminary in Saskatoon in a post-war accelerated program, graduating in May 1949 from both the University of Saskatchewan and the seminary.

He married Grace Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Olina Rawling of Saskatoon, on June 9, 1949, and was ordained three days later in Camrose. He served parishes in Fairy Glen, Saskatchewan (at a beginning salary of \$1800 per year) from 1949-1953; Cabri, Saskatchewan, 1953-1957; Metiskow, Alberta, 1958-1961; Hussar, Alberta, 1962-1966; Lomond, Alberta, 1966-1971; Valhalla, Alberta, 1971-1976; Starbuck, Manitoba, 1976-1983; Lake Alma, Saskatchewan, 1983-88; and Waldersee, Manitoba, 1988-1991. He also served as chairman of the Peace River Conference, 1973-1975, and the Manitoba Conference in 1980.

Grace has also been active in the church, serving in numerous capacities with the Women's Missionary Federation and is currently ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Women) vice-president for the Manitoba Northern Ontario Synod. She has also taught piano and organ and served as choir director in most places they have resided.

In 1970 Gordon and Grace toured Europe for

six weeks and in 1979 hosted the first of several tours to Israel, Europe and Scandinavia. In 1987 they attended the celebrations in Bardu, Norway, along with eleven other descendants of Bersvend Anderson, and Gordon brought greetings to the gathering from the church in Canada. In 1981 Gordon and Grace began serving as a Presenting Couple with Lutheran Marriage Encounter, an activity they continue to enjoy; in 1984-1985 they served as a Clergy Executive Couple for the International Lutheran Marriage Encounter for District 3 which takes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the Mid-Western states.

Gordon and Grace have four children: Ronald James, born July 25, 1951, at Melfort, Saskatchewan; Gertrude (Trudi) Marit, born August 21, 1953, at Cabri, Saskatchewan; Rebecca (Becki) Elizabeth, also born at Cabri, January 27, 1956, and Loren Palmer, born September 26, 1964, at Bassano, Alberta. Ron graduated from Camrose Lutheran College in 1969, the first third-generation graduate of that institution, and received a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta in 1977. He married Arlene Daly of Munson, Alberta, on August 31, 1974, and they have three children: Krysta, Kathryn, and Kyle. Ron is a teacher and Arlene an Independent insurance adjuster, and they reside in Fort Saskatchewan. Trudi, a legal secretary in White Rock, British Columbia, attended (LCBI) Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, and married Jerry Johnson on May 19, 1973. They have two daughters, Nicole and Heather, and Jerry is head teacher in an elementary school in Burnaby. Becki received an RN degree from the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton and married Ken Ammeter on April 11, 1981. They live on a mink ranch near Starbuck, Manitoba, with their three children, Karl, Kathleen, and Pauline, and Becki continues to nurse in Winnipeg. Loren,



Gordon Hendrickson family – July, 1970. Gordon, Becki, Grace, Ron, Trudi, Loren.

the youngest, received a B.Sc. in Engineering from the University of Manitoba and is presently a design engineer with General Electric Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gordon and Grace retired in September 1991, and live in the country just west of Starbuck, Manitoba. They have a small acreage called Aften Ro (Norwegian for "evening tranquility") that fronts on the La Salle River, but the best thing about it is that it is just two kilometres from three of their eight grandchildren.

Doris (Hendrickson) and Philip Anderson (by Doris)

Doris Marion, eldest daughter of George and Magda Hendrickson, was born in Armena, on October 27, 1927, and moved with her family to Bardo in 1928. She attended Anderson School (Bardo) through Grade 11. Doris enjoyed living just across the road from school and remembers being able to attend all the skating parties; when it was time for her to come home, Mom would hang a tea towel in the window. She also recalls the thrill of being tossed up in a blanket by the high school boys until she was even with the second story window! Everyone had chores to do in those days, before they went to school. Doris had to get up at 5 a.m. in the winter when she was janitor at the school, to get the fire going. "One morning just before school started, I opened the furnace door to check the fire, and because I had made such a good fire, it singed off some of my hair, eyebrows, and eyelashes, which have never been the same since!"

Doris graduated from Grade 12 at Camrose Lutheran College in 1945 and became a correspondence supervisor at Solberg school the following year, because of a critical shortage of teachers. She then attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, graduating with a degree in home economics in 1949. The next year she became a district home economist before becoming the first "FayBaker" TV personality for the Farm Service Company in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In 1952 she moved back to Bardo, taught home economics at Kingman for two years, and on December 30, 1953, married Philip Gordon Anderson, son of Carl and Cecelia Anderson of the Dinant district. Phil farmed and worked in the oil-patch for 12 years. They lived in Kingman a few months before moving to his home place in 1954. They have three children.

Philip Duke, born February 14, 1956, attended public school in Armena and Camrose, graduated

with a degree in engineering from the University of Alberta in 1978, and became an engineer for Amoco Oil Company. On April 28, 1979, he married a nurse, Patricia Lynne Erickson, daughter of Mel and Doris Erickson of Bawlf. Duke and Lynne have four children -Stacy, Nicole, Lindsay, and Bryce. After living in many different places in Alberta, they are currently living in Chicago, Illinois, where Duke is on a two-year assignment with Amoco.

Wanda Joy was born June 28, 1959, and took her schooling in Camrose. After graduating from NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) in Edmonton in 1980, and the University of Waterloo with a degree in Environmental Studies in Pre-Architecture in 1986, she worked for the Department of National Defence in Ottawa. On August 22, 1986, she married Pierre Alain Genereux, son of Joseph and Suzanne Genereux of Ottawa. They have two sons, Marc and Eric, and live in Alymer, Quebec, just across the river from Ottawa, where Pierre works for Statistics Canada.

David Gordon was born July 20, 1962, and attended public school in Camrose. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1985. He is employed as an applications engineer with Highland/Corod in Nisku and has travelled to several countries, including Albania, the Netherlands, Venezuela, and China. He also holds a third degree Black Belt in Karate. In 1991 he became engaged to Connie Brigitta, daughter of Heinz and Theresia Franke of Calgary; she works in the Human Resources department of the Nova Corporation.

In 1965 Phil and Doris moved to Camrose. Doris taught Home Economics until 1987, when she retired; Phil is still working at Rosehaven Care Centre. They are both active square dancers and enjoy travelling about the country in their new truck and fifth-wheeler.



Phil and Doris Anderson family. Phil, Duke, Wanda, David and Doris.

James and Sonja Hendrickson

(by James)

James Emil, son of George and Magda Hendrickson, was born in Bardo on May 1, 1932, attended Camrose Lutheran College (now Augustana University College), received a BA from the University of Saskatchewan (1955) and a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta in 1958. Sonja June Kristin was born on July 29, 1936, the daughter of Yngvar Christian and Martha Jane Gotaas of Camrose, also attended Camrose Lutheran College where she met Jim, and took a B.Ed. from Alberta in 1958.

Jim and Sonja married on June 14, 1958 and both taught school for two years in Bentley, Alberta, before Jim enrolled for graduate work at the University of Oregon, where he completed a Ph.D. in history in 1965; Sonja taught junior high school in Oregon for three years and also completed a Master's degree. Their first child, Joy Kirstin, was born on December 24, 1963.

In August 1964 they moved to Victoria, British Columbia, where Jim had accepted a position at the new University of Victoria, a position he still occupies. Over the years, he has switched his teaching and research interests from United States to British Columbia history and more particularly to the history of the aboriginal land question in British Columbia. In 1984, the province selected a five-volume set of *Journals of the Colonial Legislatures*, which he edited, as their official gift to Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to British Columbia.

Three more children were added to the family in Victoria: David James, on October 15, 1965; Mark Lowell, on April 5, 1969; and Mary Louise, on July 26, 1970. Sonja became involved in a co-operative pre-school kindergarten, and then in assorted parent-teacher associations. Then, as she began thinking about employment outside the home, she was offered a position developing curriculum and teaching English in Adult Basic Education at Camosun College. Fourteen years later, she is still teaching there but now spends half her time as an English placement counsellor in the same institution.

In 1977 the family acquired and customized a camper van that made possible a series of vacation trips to such diverse places as the American southwest, Alaska and the Klondike, and New England and the maritimes. Travel has continued to be a family avocation.

After graduating with a B.A. in Psychology from Camrose Lutheran College, and touring



Sonja and Jim Hendrickson – January, 1992. Mark, David, Jay, Mary.

Europe with the choir, Joy served two years as an admission counsellor and then spent the next two, studying in France, travelling through Europe, and hitch-hiking through central and southern Africa (nine countries in ten months). The rest of the family joined her for a couple of months in Yugoslavia and Hungary. She then returned to complete a degree in Creative Writing at the University of Victoria and is presently trying her hand free-lancing.

After two years in Camrose, David took a degree in Recreation Administration at the University of Alberta, and then after a stint volunteering on the luge track at the Calgary Olympics, spent the next summer working at Expo 88 in Brisbane, Australia. The next year he was part of a five-person crew retracing the course of Captain Cook's first round-the-world voyage from Australia and back to England. Then after cycling 4500 kilometres through northern Europe, he travelled the Trans-Siberian Express to Beijing,

China, and a couple of months later ended up in Taiwan where he is now engaged in a serious study of Mandarin Chinese.

Meanwhile, Mark finished high school and spent six months in Bangkok, Thailand, another six months in Singapore (teaching conversational English to support himself), and more than a year circumnavigating Australia by car, and New Zealand by thumb.

Mary, on the other hand, has contented herself with band trips to Hawaii and the Soviet Union, and a Camrose Lutheran College choir tour of Scandinavia. She graduated with a degree in Music from Camrose Lutheran College and is currently enrolled in an elementary education program at the University of Alberta.

Jim and Sonja have continued to be active in church and community affairs. Jim has served on a variety of boards and agencies, including the Heritage Advisory Board of British Columbia, the Board of Regents of Camrose Lutheran College, the Church Council of the ELCC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada), the Lutheran Council in Canada, the Division of College and University Services of the ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada), the British Columbia Synod Council, and the Board of Luther Court, a facility for seniors in Victoria, that he was instrumental in organizing. Sonja currently chairs a committee that administers a bursary fund in our local congregation, is a member of the Board of Regents of Augustana University, a director of Holden Village in Washington State, and chairs the British Columbia Synod Committee on Church Leadership and Education. They were both privileged in 1991, to participate in the 200th anniversary celebrations of the first settlement of the Bardu Valley in Norway, the region where so many of the original settlers of Bardo, Alberta, originated.

Lingle, Hans William (Willi) and Joyce Hendrickson

(by Joyce)

Joyce was born on September 2, 1938 and was married on December 22, 1979 to Hans William (Willi) Lingle.

I began school in Bardo in September, 1944. I took grade two at Amisk Creek when mother returned to teaching, before returning to Bardo for grades 3-10. I attended Camrose Lutheran College for grades 11 and 12, followed by one year at Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. From there I went into the Arts Faculty at the University of



Joyce (Hendrickson) and Willi Lingle.

Alberta, completing my Arts and Education degrees by 1961.

When I think of living in Bardo for my first sixteen years, three components come to mind – the farm, the church, and the school, yet most of my activities were a blend of the three. Music lessons, which complemented the music programs at church and school, were an extension of many hours of music begun at home. Christmas concerts provided me a chance to hone my skills, which later helped to get me into the choirs at Camrose, the University of Alberta, and the Richard Eaton Singers, all enriching experiences.

Many of the activities that I still enjoy today were developed in Bardo, such as skating (those long stretches of creek!), skiing, riding horses, biking, bird watching (I didn't know it was a hobby then), camping, climbing (I climbed everything in sight, much to mother's chagrin), and hiking

(perhaps the stamina grew out of Run Sheep Run). My love of geography and travel were nurtured whenever we spread the new Nielsen's Chocolate Bar map out on the living room floor. Each time another missionary arrived and told stories of far-away places, I knew that I wanted to see, smell, touch and hear those places myself.

Edmonton has been home since 1957. After completing university I began teaching and counselling with Edmonton Public Schools, and continue with them to the present time. I have had a number of extended interludes: for graduate study (University of Oregon – 1966-67), teaching abroad (Germany – 1971-73) and travel around the world – 1973-74). I have enjoyed working with all age levels in the school system, and have been able to teach and counsel in a variety of positions with learning disabled, physically disabled, emotionally disturbed, English Second Language students, as well as “regular” students. My current position is teaching in our Adult Basic Literacy program preparing adult students for entry into either the high school program or the work force. My fascination has always been in the area of individual differences in learning.

After much wandering around the globe, I was ready for a different experience in 1979. Willi Lingle is an Edmontonian of German Canadian background. A painter and decorator who has spent the past nine years working with the City of Edmonton Parks and Recreation Department, he is at the point now where his artistic interests are overtaking the mundane. He will have to retire soon because he no longer has time to work. He enjoys creating – oil and water colors, floral arrangements – especially miniatures using shells and driftwood, and his culinary skills are great, much to my delight. We are looking forward to retirement so that we can enjoy many of our hobbies together.

Annebo, Iver and Petra

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Annebo, together with his wife's brother, Halvor Eggen and family, left Norway in the summer of 1903. They finally reached Wetaskiwin and then on to Bardo by horses and wagon.

Iver and Petra made their home with the Lars Johnson family on the quarter of land just north of the old Rorem farm which the Mosbys presently own.

Mr. Annebo hauled freight to and from the nearest railway station located at Wetaskiwin for Martin Finseth who had a store at Bardo.



Ingeborg Eggen and Ovedia Brekkan (sisters), Mrs. Annebo (sister-in-law).

The Annebos eventually obtained land about three miles west of Ryley, Alberta where they built a log house and dug a well. Mrs. Annebo made butter and Mr. Annebo took it to the Finseth store at Bardo and traded it for groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Annebo had a family of seven children: Clara, Magda, Hennie, Agnes, Arthur, Palmer and Stanley who died in infancy.

Clara married John Nelson. They farmed near Holden, Alberta. Three sons made up their family.

Magda worked as a clerk for Mr. E.W. Brown. She later moved to Edmonton and worked at Wilson's Stationery.

Hennie became a teacher. Her first school was Amisk Creek. She taught many places in Alberta and spent two years with the Armed Forces in Germany.

Magda and Hennie never married and they both lived in Edmonton for many years.

Agnes married Robert Lord and lived in British Columbia. She died in 1976. They had two children, Brian and Patricia.

Arthur married Olga Kirkland of Ryley and had one daughter, Ruelle.

Palmer (Tom) married Gladys Olson and had two sons, Thomas and Kenneth. Palmer and Gladys are both deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Annebo celebrated their Silver Wedding in 1927. Mrs. Annebo passed away in 1937.

Mr. Annebo married Agda Weeks in 1944 and moved to Ryley. He passed away in 1963.

Baerg, John and Amelia

John and I (nee Poetker) were both born in the Ukraine, just south of the Black Sea. Both families immigrated to Canada in 1926. Each family lived in Saskatchewan and in time moved to Coaldale, where we met and were married in 1940.



John and Amalie Baerg.

We farmed there. As time went on we envisioned farming without row cropping or irrigating. We found a suitable area and eventually settled in Tofield in 1953. We purchased the Paulson place for \$12,000. After eight years we moved four miles west to the Whitbread place.

By this time we had eight children, who all received their education in Tofield, and from there went on to their professions.

Tofield has been good to us and for us. We are now retired in Red Deer and live in a Condo setting. We enjoy going back to Tofield occasionally where we spent almost thirty years.



The John Baerg Clan on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

John, Lorraine, Byron and Brent Baergen by John Baergen

I was born in Edmonton and grew up on a dairy farm adjacent to the Town of Tofield as the youngest of five children. I completed my schooling in the Tofield High School.

Our history with Bardo began in the spring of 1962. I recall the excitement that early spring afternoon when dad came to school to pick me up. He was about to show me a 400 acre farm that was for sale in the Bardo district, 3 1/2 miles south on the Round Hill Road. The farm was known as the King Place and was owned by Jake King's son-in-law, Lloyd Good who farmed in Southeastern Alberta. As we walked the farmyard and the fields, we realized that this farm had great potential but would need a great deal of "tender love," care, and in fact, a lot of elbow grease. We had a few days to decide whether we would purchase the farm. I recall rather in-depth discussions with dad. It was finally agreed that we would make Lloyd Good an offer. The offer was accepted and rather quickly we became a part of the Bardo community. This purchase meant long hours with small equipment. We began to challenge the thistles and the quack grass that seemed to grow everywhere.

The neighbours were friendly and most cooperative. I recall getting to know Arnold Johnson, Olaf Erickson, Olaf Stokken and Dave Schmidt. I would plow their driveways during the winter months.

In 1969, Lorraine and I were married. She grew up on a farm in the Peace River district of Northern Alberta. By this time she had graduated with her R.N. from the Royal Alexandra School of Nursing. After a summer of renovations, we moved into the old farm house. Renovations also took place on the barn and other outbuildings. After our wedding, Lorraine immediately began nursing in the Tofield Hospital.

I recall the day Jake King stopped by offering to buy the paint to paint the buildings. We thanked him for his offer and with that encouragement, we began to paint: red roofs, yellow interior and white trim.

A significant highlight in our years on the farm were the two years we worked with Larry and Gail Foshaug, co-sponsoring a district Youth for Christ Club.

In September, 1971, our son Byron was born in the Tofield Hospital. In 1972, we sold the farm and moved to Red Deer. Since that time we have experienced many changes. Our second son, Brent was born in April 1974. Our career path has been

diverse: financial consulting for 9 years, career consulting for 5 years, and church pastoral work for the last 4+ years.

In April 1988, we returned to this area, 35 miles from our home town to become the Executive Pastor (Chief of Staff) for Sherwood Park Alliance Church and Strathcona Christian Academy. Lorraine joined the pastoral staff as well in the position of Director of Women's Ministry.

In 1992 our youngest son Brent graduated from High School and following one year at Bible College will pursue post secondary education in the field of elementary education.

Byron, our eldest was brain injured in an automobile accident at the age of 9. He is now a dependent adult and will be home for life. He has, for a disabled adult, mastered the art of horseback riding. He is an avid hockey fan. His employment will always be together with a job trainer. We will always be grateful to God for the obvious progress, far beyond what medically seemed possible.

As we reflect on our 10 years in the Bardo district, we do so with many positive memories.



John, Lorraine, Byron and Brent Baergen.

Many of our dreams and aspirations began there. Much of who we are today began there. They were good years. To all of you, thank you for being a part of a wonderful community and a part of our lives.

The Anton Bartness Family

Anton Bartness came from Trondheim, Norway to the U.S.A. as a young man. He met his wife to be, Bergitta, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, U.S.A. She came from Lillehammer, Norway. After marriage, Mr. Bartness worked as a farm labourer, as well as owning and running a rooming house. A son, Ole, and a daughter, Delia, were born to this union.



Mr. and Mrs. Anton Bartness.

The family immigrated to Canada and homesteaded the NE 1/4-14-49-19-W4 in October, 1901, and received clear title in December, 1905. This land was in the Grand Forks School District.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartness were active in community affairs. He served as Trustee on the Grand Forks School Board and his wife helped whenever needed. They had a lovely grove of trees and a big yard which lent itself well for Sunday School picnics. The first windmill for pumping well water was erected on their farm.

The Bartness family enjoyed music and a variety of instruments was used in their home, such as a piano, guitar, violin, mandolin and an alto horn. Ole played them all and his sister Delia played the piano and sang. She had taken both piano and vocal lessons in Edmonton.

The family was greatly saddened by the sudden illness and death of Delia, age 22, in 1912. Her beautiful singing voice was missed by all who knew her. Delia was buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Ole homesteaded SW 1/4-14-49-19-W4 in 1903, and received clear title in 1907. Two more quarters of land were acquired in time. Ole was popular



Anton Bartness farmstead, 1926.

for his ability in photography. He worked for Volding Photo Co. in Edmonton.

Ole eventually sold his land and moved to Kingman where he lived until ill-health caused him to move to Bethany Sunset Home in Camrose, Alberta. He passed away in December, 1959, and was buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Ole's parents, Anton and Bergitta, sold their land to Mr. and Mrs. Odd Heiberg. The Bartness's built a home in Kingman where they lived until they retired to a 'Home for the Aged' in Paulsbo, Washington, U.S.A.

Bender, Mahlon, Christine and Family (by Luella Fahndrick)

The Mahlon and Christine (King) Bender family moved to the Bardo community in March of 1936 from the Ryley area. They settled on the old Lewis and Parker places just south of the Lutheran Church. There were four children – Clayton, Harold, Maurice and Luella. The weather was very cold with deep snow covering the roads. I seem to remember stories of difficulty getting the livestock moved. We lived there until February of 1947. A lot of hard work made for much improvement to the place. A two storey chicken house was one addition. The house was remodelled and added on to. Many trees were planted for a wind break.

Many days were spent on the 'breaking', as land was cleared for farming. A lot of firewood was made from the trees that were cut down. Maurice and I had the job of keeping the woodbox



Harold, Clayton, Maurice, Mahlon, Luella, Christina Bender.

filled after Clayton and Harold were old enough to help with the other work. It seemed an endless job to keep enough wood for the kitchen range that worked overtime for cooking, heating wash and bath water, heating the sad irons and much more. Carrying buckets of water from the well, pumped by hand of course, was another chore delegated to the children.

Our parents were both very hard workers, innovative, industrious and creative, but they always seemed to be able to take time to have friends and be neighborly. They were both dedicated to their Lord and their church, Salem Mennonite. For sometime Pop went faithfully with a few others to hold Sunday School on a Sunday



John Heidebrecht, Luella, Maurice, Harold, Clayton and Mahlon Bender.

afternoon at the schoolhouse in the Poe district. I also recall people from church coming to the house and asking him to help them write a speech that they were supposed to give. He loved to study the Bible and continued that until the end. They both served as Sunday School teachers and that also continued many years.

January 28, 1947 we had a public auction to sell our worldly goods so we could move to Oregon, on the advice of my mother's physician. It was very hard to leave all the wonderful family and friends we had in Bardo. None of us have forgotten the good, and sometimes not perfect times we had there. It was also an exciting adventure when we left Tofield a week later on the train. It was minus 28 degrees Fahrenheit. When we arrived in the balmy, green Willamette Valley in Oregon on February 14, we could hardly believe our senses. I didn't realize until this year, 1992, as I watched the weather report that 1947 holds the record high temperatures for that time of year. Little wonder we were so amazed.

To bring you an update on the family – my father passed away in 1967 in Upland, California where they were living at the time. They had spent almost seven years in San Juan, Puerto Rico where they had a business and were “Mom and Pop” to many of our Church's mission personnel. Mom moved back to Oregon at that time and lived in a mobile home in Harold's yard for about thirteen years before moving to Salem to be near my family. She had her own apartment for about five years, and then spent her last months in our home. She passed away December 20, 1984.

Clayton met with a tragic accident in September of 1957 that took his life and left his widow Audrey and three children, Kathy, Sylvia, and Carl without husband and father. Audrey was remarried three years later to Perry Schrock, a widower with six children. Later they had one child

together. They live near Lebanon, Oregon, and all the children are in Oregon, except Sylvia, who lives in Idaho.

Harold and his wife, Alice, presently live in Hubbard, Oregon. They have three children – Sue, Rod and LaRee. Harold is retired and they spend their winters in Arizona.

Maurice and his wife, Eloise, live in Fairfield, Pennsylvania about seven miles from Gettysburg. He is a ‘Brethren in Christ’ Pastor. They have three children – Pam, Rosalie and Nathan.

After living in other parts of the world for fifteen years, my husband, Richard, and I are back in Salem, Oregon since 1970. We have five sons – Dave, Dan, Ben, Steve and Tim! Richard has an appliance repair business and we are active in our church.

I have many fond memories from Bardo days, but one very pleasant one is of the Bardo church bell ringing on a cold, crisp Christmas Eve.

Berg, Mikkil and Mina

(Information supplied by Melvin Berg)

Mikkil Berg, oldest son of Simon and Anne Berg, was born April 22, 1859 in Tolga, Osterdalen, Norway. He came as a young boy to the United States with his parents, one brother Carl, and one sister Barbro. The family settled in southern Minnesota, then moved farther north to a farm near Ada, Minnesota. Mikkil married Mina Gilbertson on December 15, 1891. She was born January 4, 1875 in Ness Parish, Romerika, Norway, and came to Minnesota in 1886.

Mikkil and Mina lived on a farm near Ada, Minnesota until 1905, when they moved to Vonda, Saskatchewan, Canada. They had twelve children: Sigvart, Julia, Agnes, Linda, Gea, Melvin, Martin, Gehard, Mabel, Margaret, Inga, Irvin and Melvin. The older Melvin died in 1918 in the flu epidemic. Mikkil passed away June 14, 1939. Mina's death was on April 19, 1947.

Some interesting accounts of their travels are as follows: In 1913 the family left Vonda, Saskatchewan, for Bardo, Alberta, fifty miles south-east of Edmonton. It took a week travelling by train. They farmed the Edwin Johnson homestead (SW1/4-20-49-18-W4) and raised cattle. In November 1917, they moved to Grande Prairie. The livestock and machinery was loaded into boxcars and Mikkil and son Gehard, travelled with them. They ate and slept right in the cars. The Mother and the rest of the family took the train to Edmonton where they spent the night. The next day they took the train to Edson, Alberta and

waited several hours before they could get on a train for the Peace River Country. The railway tracks were very poor, and the train would sway from side to side. Going to the bathroom was fun for the children because they were flung this way and that. They took food along so they ate and slept on the train.

The weather was bitterly cold and dipped to 30 degrees below Fahrenheit. Travelling by sleigh and horses with the cattle was a very cold experience. The only way to keep warm was to keep walking. In places, the men had to make roads and chop trees to get across muskeg.

They finally came to the Lars Johnson place one and a half miles from LaGlance, Alberta, where they stayed awhile. Later a log house was built, consisting of one big room with a sod roof, six and a half miles north-west of LaGlance. Mikkel bought a quarter of land east of there where they lived until his death.

The family, travelling by train, arrived at Benville (now called Sexsmith) three days after leaving Edson. There Sigvart and the older Melvin met them with a team and sleigh and took them to Benny Fosters, a stopping place for travellers. They left Fosters at daylight. It was extremely cold! Only twelve miles were made that day as the horses couldn't take any more. Another overnight stop was made at Beattie's Place. This was run by an old woman who looked rather shattered when she saw the large family she had to contend with, but she took it in her stride, fed them and bed them down – some of them on the floor again. The weather continued very cold, but they set out again the next morning hoping to make it to their home. However, only another twelve miles were covered. They stayed with a farmer who had a large family, so they enjoyed spending the night there. The next day they reached a bachelor's house where they stayed until their own log shack was finished. They moved into their own home just before Christmas.

Preben Berg

Preben Berg and his brother John came to Canada from Denmark. John homesteaded 'up north'. Preben rented NE1/4-14-50-19-W4 from Mr. Gallinger. Then he moved to the Hills Place SW-30-49-18-W4. This was the original Homestead of H.J. Boness (No. 107596). From there Preben moved to the Yeager Place west in the hills. While living there, he was killed by 'runaway' horses.

Preben was born in 1899 in Denmark. He died in 1946 at 47 years of age. Preben is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Berre cloth, Robert

(by Robert)

I was born in London, England in 1903, the third eldest of a family of six children. I was in a boarding school. In the fall of 1914 at the age of eleven years, I left my three sisters and two brothers – Kitty, Ada, Bill, Daisy and Ted and came to Canada to live with the Lerbekmo family at Bardo. I came to Quebec City by boat, then to Edmonton by train. George Simonson met me in a democrat and brought me to Tofield, and from there to the Lerbekmo farm. I was greeted by Petra, Gertie, Julius and their Uncle Karl and Hans Boness. Mr. and Mrs. Lerbekmo were on a trip to Norway. They came home a week later.

I went to school at Anderson (Bardo) until I was fourteen years old when I quit to help more on the farm. I went threshing, pitching bundles in a high hayrack, with a steam outfit. 1918, the year of the flu, was a bad and cold winter. Most people had the flu. I was one of the lucky ones, so went from place to place to do chores. In 1922, Mr. Lerbekmo passed away with cancer so I had more to do. In 1924, Mrs. Lerbekmo went to Bellingham, Washington and married Oliver Fosmo. One spring, I went to Bellingham for work and to visit. I got a job in a box factory for a couple of weeks, then a job on a street car line. When fall came, I got homesick and left the job for \$3.50 a day and came back to thresh for \$1.25 a day. Julius and I stayed at Joe Stauffer's while they went to the States. We did their chores that winter. In the spring, I worked for Martin Hagen.

John and Gertie Yoder rented the Lerbekmo farm for a few years after the sale. They bought a farm close to Dodds, so I rented the Lerbekmo farm. I married Lillian Carlisle on April 22, 1931. We lived on the Lerbekmo farm until it was sold. In 1945 we moved to Ketchamoot, then in 1947 to Hastings Lake where we lived until now (1991). While living in Ketchamoot, I worked at the Tofield Coal Mine and worked there for six years until it shut down. After that I worked in Edmonton mixing mud for a plasterer. In 1992, Lillian and I moved to Tofield.

It was tough raising a family in the hungry thirties. We survived some good times and some bad. We raised a family of eight children – one daughter, Theone, and seven sons, Harold, Marvin, Kenneth, Bruce, Lorne, Ronald and Brian. We lost Marvin on September 5, 1988. He is buried in the Bardo cemetery.

I worked for Pringle and Litwin for several years. After one year I made a trip to London for



Bob and Lillian Berrecloth family. Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary – April, 1981. Brian, Theone, Bruce, Robert, Lorne, Lillian, Harold, Ronald, Kenneth, Marvin.

three weeks to visit my family. A few years later I made another trip back and took Lillian with me. My sisters and brothers were all still living at that time. Now, there is only my eldest sister, Kitty, of ninety-one years, and myself left.

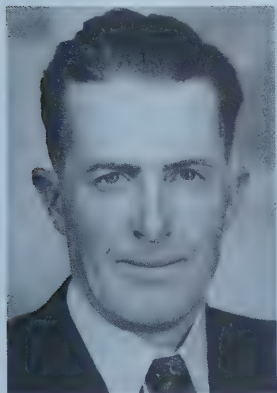
In 1990, we had a family reunion. We now have twenty-five grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. In the spring of 1991, Lillian and I celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

In 1919, the settlers had a gathering at the P.B. Anderson place. All the Norwegians were there. If they could see the country today, and what they started, they would be surprised. We should thank the ones that made this country a success and congratulate them on their 100th Anniversary.

Bjornson, Botolv

by Dennis Bjornson

Botolv (Bob) Bjornson, a brother of Peter Bjornson, was born in 1902 on the “Moen” farm in Bardu, Norway. In his youth, Bob was a skilled cross-country ski racer and won many championships. He trained as a Carpenter-Cabinet Maker



Botolv Bjornson, brother of Peter Bjornson.

while still in Norway. He immigrated to Bardu, Alberta in 1925 where he resided with his cousin, Iver Moen, and worked as a farm hand in the district for several years.

In the early 1930's Bob moved to British Columbia and took up carpentry for a gold mining company. Later he trapped for three winters in the Wolf Creek district, now Hinton, Alberta. Then he settled in Edmonton and obtained Journeyman Certificates as a Carpenter and Cabinet Maker. He worked in Edmonton until he retired to Norway in the mid 1960's.

There Bob built a house for himself and was occupied part time clearing land and cutting birch cord wood for the army. Bob particularly enjoyed the wilderness and spent most of his vacation time hiking or skiing in the mountains and forests both in Canada and Norway.

Bob remained a bachelor. He passed away at Bardu, Norway in 1983.



Fall of 1949. Botolv Bjornson, Dennis, Iris, Dale, Peter and Myrtle Bjornson.

The William Boettger Family

by Marvin and Edith Boettger

William Boettger was born May 9, 1890 at Mildmay, Ontario, where he spent his boyhood. Lydia was born March 17, 1895 in Osceola County, Iowa, U.S.A. In their youth, their families moved to Mayton, a community fifteen miles east of Olds, Alberta. It was there they met and later married.

For various reasons they moved from Mayton in the spring of 1919 to a farm owned by O.C. Blackburn, SW-26-49-19-W4, where Lyle Roth now lives.

It was while living there that their two sons, Edgar and Harold started school at Farmington which was two miles away. They had another son, Marvin, while they resided there.

In 1925, William purchased a farm one and a half miles east of Kingman. It was here that two



William and Lydia Boettger family. Standing: Marvin, Harold, Eldon, Orvin. Sitting: William, Edgar, Lydia.

more sons, Eldon and Orvin were welcomed into the family.

They were active in the community and also in the Mennonite Church. William served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent as well as an usher, treasurer and other offices at various times. He also served on the Coal Hill school board as Secretary-Treasurer until the larger school boards were formed.

William and Lydia were deeply grateful for having the privilege of living in a friendly, accepting neighborhood. They resided on the farm until their deaths.

William passed away on March 18, 1963 and his wife, Lydia, passed away April 13, 1971.

Harold and Viola Boettger

by Viola Boettger

Harold and Viola Boettger lived in the Bardo district from 1953 to 1957. They lived one and three-quarter miles north of the Anderson School, on the farm which was owned by Lloyd and Hilda Good at the time.

The Boettgers have eight children, five of whom attended the Anderson School in Bardo. Four sons and four daughters completed the family.

Sanford married Gwen Calvert of Kitchener, Ontario. They live on a farm near Dodds and have three daughters, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren.

Gloria married Harley Stauffer. They live on a farm near Newbrook, Alberta. They have four children and one son-in-law.

Dennis married Lucille Wideman. They live at McLennan, Alberta. Dennis is a Medical Doctor practising at McLennan and Falher Districts. They have three sons.



The Harold and Viola Boettger family. Back Row: Dennis, Sanford, James, Lois, Betty M. Middle Row: Gloria, Joyce, Conrad. Front Row: Harold, Viola.

Joyce married Wendell Mullet and they live on a farm in the Fairview, Alberta area. They also have three children.

James married Betty K. Rodgers of Hesston, Kansas. They live on a farm near Ryley, Alberta. They have three daughters.

Lois married Robert Sayer of Carstairs, Alberta. They operate a dairy farm in that area. They have three sons.

Conrad married Beth Hartman of Ohio. They live in Hesston, Kansas. They have two children. Conrad is a Registered Nurse.

Betty Marie is a Physical Education teacher in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

Marvin Boettger Family

(by Edith (Yoder) Boettger)

Edith was the youngest daughter born to David and Lucinda Yoder. I received my elementary school at Anderson School. There were many interesting times, and good teachers. I rode two and one half miles to school with my neighbor cousins, the Voegtlin, in a one-horse buggy. This sometimes proved to be interesting as the horse was quite nervous if a sudden noise startled her or a truck came by. A very fast ride resulted for the next quarter of a mile with all of us hanging on for dear life.

The Christmas concert was a highlight of the year and Bardo was noted for very good programs.

After receiving Grade 12, I stayed home and helped on the farm until my marriage to Marvin Boettger in 1944. We resided on the Elmer Schmidt farm in 1945 and in the fall moved to the David Yoder farm which we rented until we purchased it in 1955. The first several years we experienced very dry weather and meager crops so we were grateful for some dairy cows and some hogs for our income. However, in a few years, things turned better when we got more rain and prices strengthened.

We were blessed with three sons, whom we have enjoyed very much. Derril was born in 1946, and went to Anderson School until it closed. He graduated from Ryley School and then chose to become part of the farming operation. He married Wanda Good in 1969. They have two sons, Bruce and Ryan, and a daughter Lisa. They lived on the home farm until April 1991 when they purchased Eldon Boettger's farm.

Elwood, born in 1951, started school in Anderson School, but because of consolidation of schools, he received most of his education in Ryley, where he graduated. He also joined the farm force and in 1975 married Heather Francis. They have three sons – Jason, Bradley and Brent. They built a house in 1983 on the former Roy Roth home site, a mile from home, where they presently reside.

Jerry was born in 1957 and received all of his education in Ryley. He married Valerie Steinwand from the Holden district, in 1984. They have two sons Shawn, and Cory who had the distinction of

being the first baby born in the new Tofield Health Centre, which opened in May, 1987.

Our three sons all chose farming as their careers, so we established a family farm unit and incorporated in 1976 as Boettger Farms Ltd.. We are semi-retired, living and helping on the farm.



Marvin and Edith Boettger. Forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, 1989. Back Row: Valerie and Jerry. Middle Row: Derril, Edith, Marvin, Elwood. Sitting: Wanda, Heather.

Boness, Gamle (Old) Jacob

Gamle Jacob, as he was known, arrived in the Bardo district in 1901. He was 84 years old and travelled with a son and three daughters to this new land. His grandson and namesake, Jacob had immigrated in 1900.

Gamle Jacob homesteaded the north 80 of SE



Jerry, Derril, Elwood and Marvin Boettger, 1985.



Jacob Boness childhood home as it was in 1972 (Bardu, Norway).

1/4-18-50-18-W4. He felt this was enough for a man of his age.

Jacob was an excellent cabinet maker. He made furniture for the Bardo families and is still known for the dining room tables which he made. Jacob passed away in 1908.

Boness, Hans

Hans Boness, the widowed father of young Jacob, came to Bardo in 1901 together with his father, Jacob (84 years old), son, Olaf and three daughters, Trina (Edwin Johnson), Petra (Simonson), and Ingeborg (Andrew Johnson).

Hans homesteaded the SW 1/4-30-49-18-W4. His son, Olaf, homesteaded NE 1/4-18-49-18-W4 just east of his brother, Jacob. Olaf didn't stay long on the land, although he had built a house and lived there for a while. He eventually went to Edmonton and became a lawyer.



Inside Bardu Church in Norway. Chandelier donated by Grandpa Boness.

BONESS, Jacob Theodore and Marie (by Malfrid Erga)

Jacob Theodore Boness was born in Bardu, Norway in 1875, a settlement in northern Norway, north of the Arctic Circle. Jacob was the eldest son of Hans and Martha Jacobson Boness. There was little in northern Norway for a young man on

which to build a future, so when Jacob heard of others who had gone to Canada and were able to get 160 acres of homestead land for \$10.00, he decided he would go and seek his fortune in this far away land.

Jacob came to Canada in 1900 to the Bardo Community that was already settled by immigrants from Norway. He was a young man of 25 years, his only belongings were his clothes and a few dollars.

He was in a foreign country where he couldn't even speak the language. As had been promised there was land available so he filed on the NW-18-49-18-W4. Now that the land was his he immediately began cutting logs to build a house. Building with logs was something they had learned in their homeland, and with helpful neighbors it didn't take long before he had a place to call home.

Getting a job in a new country was the next step. Money was needed for equipment to farm the land. Fur trading was quite a thriving business in those early days, so Jacob did some trapping, cut logs for other people, and then as the railway was being built from the east into Edmonton he got a job laying ties on the railroad.

The following year his widowed father, Hans Boness and 84 year old grandfather, Jacob, his brother and three sisters arrived from Norway, so now the family was all together again. His father and brother also filed on homestead land in the same community.

In 1902 Jacob married Marie Constance Lerbekmo. They were the second couple to be married in the new settlement. Marie was the eldest daughter of John and Dorthea Lerbekmo. Her father had come from Norway in 1894 and was one of the first to homestead in that district. Marie



Jacob Boness family. Back Row: Malfrid, Hans, Marie Boness, Dora. Front Row: Palmer, Florence, Jacob Boness.

came a year later in 1895 with her mother, brother and sisters.

Jacob and Marie had six children born on the homestead. The oldest died in infancy. The rest were: Hans, Dora, Malfrid, Palmer and Florence. Jacob had to work out alot to make extra money. He had a well-drilling machine, and there was a big demand for his services.

In 1917 Jacob sold the homestead and bought a half section of land at Kingman. He continued the business of drilling water wells and did veterinary work as well, in the district. They farmed at Kingman until 1930 when they rented out the farm and moved to Camrose. Here their youngest son, Glen, was born. They had a large house in Camrose near the Normal school. Here they provided accommodation for Normal school students.



Jacob and Marie Boness family.

In 1937 the Boness's bought the Home Cafe in Bawlf which they operated until 1943. They then sold their business and with the youngest son Glen moved to Vancouver, B.C.

In 1952 they returned to Bardo to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary where they had been married fifty years before.

Jacob died in Vancouver in 1954 and Marie died in Vancouver in 1966. They are buried in the Ocean View Cemetery, Vancouver, B.C.

BONESS, Hans and Agnes

(by Agnes Boness)

Hans, the oldest child in a family of six, was born to Jacob and Marie Boness, December 10, 1903. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Reverend Bersvend Anderson was the Minister who baptized him. He attended the Grand Forks school. One of his teachers was his aunt, Loolah Lerbekmo.

Hans and his family lived on a homestead in Bardo until 1917. They sold the homestead and moved to Kingman where they acquired more land.

Hans went out at an early age to earn his own living. He went into the trucking business and hauled gravel for many Alberta roads. He hauled gas from the refinery at Turner Valley and delivered to several towns. In 1943 Hans worked on the Alaska Highway hauling various items, groceries, gas in drums, etc., to Whitehorse, Yukon and to Fairbanks, Alaska. He farmed at Dodds from 1950 to 1972. This farm had previously been owned by Pastor Bjelde. At one time Hans also had a machine agency.

In 1940, Hans married Agnes Lee of Round Hill. Agnes was a teacher and taught school for many years. In 1960 they had a house built in Camrose and retired there.



Agnes and Hans Boness – June 22, 1983.

Hans had frosted his lungs while working on the Alaska Highway and in time developed emphyzema. So from 1976 to 1988 they spent the winter in the warmer climate of Arizona to help his lung condition.

Hans passed away at Mesa, Arizona, February 29, 1988.

BRUCE, Robert and Dora (Boness)

(by Malfrid Erga)

Dora Boness was born on the homestead in Bardo on July 27, 1905 to Jacob and Marie Boness. She had her early schooling at Grand Forks school. In 1917 she moved with her parents to Kingman where she continued her schooling. She attended Camrose Lutheran College and went on to Normal School. Dora taught school at Coal Hill near Kingman, also at Bonneyville and Mannville. It was while she was at Manville that she met Robert Bruce. They were married on July 22, 1925. They farmed for short periods at Minburn and Bardo. They moved on to Leduc where Robert worked as a mechanic in a garage. After a short time in Leduc they moved to Vancouver, B.C. Robert worked for several years on a fishing boat and Dora operated a Laundromat. After moving to Haney, B.C., they built and operated a home for handicapped children. Dora died at Haney in August 1971. Later on Robert moved to Edmonton where he lived with his sister, Stella. He died March 20, 1978 and is buried at Minburn beside his parents. They had two children, James Robert and Marion Delores.



The family of Dora (Boness) Bruce. Standing: Marion, James. Seated: Robert and Dora.

James Bruce, b. May 19, 1926, grew up in Vancouver, B.C. He graduated from Vancouver University with a Chemical Engineering degree. Upon completion of his education, he went to Montreal, Quebec where he was employed by the Texaco Oil Refinery. While there he met and married Heather Goodfellow of Montreal. James was manager of the Texaco Refinery until his retirement when they moved to Toronto, Ontario. James and Heather have four children: Carolyn, Gerald, Allan and Nancy. One son, Douglas, died in infancy.

Carolyn Leslie Bruce, b. April 28, 1956, received all her education in Montreal and has a degree in psychology. She married Philip Magee and they have one son, Eric. They live in Calgary.

Gerald William Bruce, b. July 11, 1957, grew up in Montreal and graduated with a University degree in Chemical Engineering. While working in Calgary he met and married Judith Cameron. They were married on October 10, 1981. Gerald was transferred to Edmonton where he is employed by PetroCan Oil Refinery at Strathcona. They have two children, Robert and Andrew and they live in Sherwood Park.

Allan Fraser Bruce was born in Montreal August 12, 1960 and continues to live in Montreal. He is studying at McGill University doing Post Graduate work towards a doctorate in Physical Science.

Nancy Jane Bruce, born March 14, 1964, in Montreal, where she grew up and had most of her education. She moved with her parents to Toronto where she finished her education. She is employed by an investment firm in Toronto, Ontario.

Marion Delores Bruce born June 5, 1929 while her parents were living on a farm in Bardo. She moved at an early age with her parents to Vancouver, B.C. She had all her education in Vancouver and became an Airline Stewardess. While working for Canadian Pacific Airlines she met Ralph Snider who was a pilot working for the same company. They were married June 26, 1953. To this union were born two girls. Lorrie Ellen (born October 1955) married David Randall Chambers and their children are: Matthew and Christopher. Lynn Snider was born October 12, 1959.

Ralph died Febraury 8, 1980 and Marion continues to live in Vancouver, B.C.

ERGA, Louis and Malfrid (Boness)

(by Malfrid Erga)

Malfrid was born on the homestead in Bardo, Alberta on February 11, 1907. She started school at Grand Forks, a small one-roomed school in the southern part of the Bardo District. Living in a Norwegian Community, the Norwegian language was mostly used, and consequently, when she started to school she knew very little English. However, she had a teacher who spoke Norwegian as well, so they managed quite well.

Malfrid was ten years old when they moved to Kingman. She finished grade nine there and then went to Anderson school in Bardo for grade ten. Her Aunt Petra lived close to the school so she was

able to get her board and room in exchange for various jobs which she had to do. Malfrid's cousin Alice Simonson and two of the teachers also boarded at the Stauffer home. Malfrid has very fond memories of her year spent there. Her next move was to the Camrose Lutheran College. There, too, she was able to work for her board and room by helping in the kitchen.

In 1927, Malfrid married Louis Erga of Kingman. There were few conveniences on the farm in those days. The dust storms and drought in the thirties played havoc with the crops. They could scarcely grow enough feed for the livestock. Then during the war years in the forties there was a period of food rationing. Coupons were given out to buy sugar, butter, meat and gasoline. Malfrid still has a few of those coupons. Louis and Malfrid continued farming until 1971 with the exception of one year spent at Halcourt in the Peace River Country. In 1971 they sold the farm and moved to Camrose where Louis died later that year. Their three children grew up on the farm. They are: Lyle, Alan and Janet.

Lyle was born March 12, 1937. By the time he was ready to start school some of the small country schools were being closed. Lyle's first ten years of school were at Dinant. He finished his High

School education at Camrose Lutheran College, and then went on to the University of Alberta where he received his degree in education. Lyle married Hazel Gray of Viking, Alberta in August 1957. He taught in several schools in Alberta before buying a home in Bawlf. After 35 years of teaching in Alberta, he went to England on a one year Exchange Teaching position. When he returns at the end of the teaching year in 1992, Lyle and Hazel will retire in their home in Bawlf. They have raised three children: Trevor, Sharon and Kerry.

Trevor Erga was born June 23, 1958 at Camrose. He had his High School education at Bawlf and then continued on at Camrose Lutheran College. He married Rebekah James of Vancouver. They both graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Education. After graduating, Trevor worked for the Space Science Centre before going into the teaching profession. They are presently living in Camrose, Alberta where both are employed as teachers. They have three children: Natalie, Vanessa and Brandon.

Sharon Erga was born February 15, 1961. She grew up in Bawlf and after High School graduation she enrolled in the Marvel school of hairdressing in Edmonton. She worked as a hairdresser in Edmonton. While there she met Sigurd DelBlanc, a surveyor for an oil company. They were married on July 11, 1981. They have two children, Bjorn and Stefan. They are presently living in Edmonton where Sigurd is furthering his education at the University of Alberta. Sharon is pursuing her interests in Art and belongs to the St. Albert Art Guild.

Kerry Erga was born May 6, 1964. He grew up in Bawlf where he completed his twelve grades. Kerry then went to NAIT in Edmonton where he took a two year Cooking Course. He worked as a Chef in a restaurant in West Edmonton Mall, and also for a time at the Terrace Inn. On July 27, 1985 he married Susan Collier. Kerry then decided to go back to school and took a course in Computers. He is presently working for an Automotive Company in Edmonton. Kerry and Susan have one daughter, Kayla.

Alan, second son of Louis and Malfrid Erga, was born July 15, 1942. He started school at Dinant, Alberta and later entered Camrose Lutheran College. He went on to the University of Alberta, where he received his degree in Education. While at University he met Clair McKibbin of Ponoka, Alberta. They were married shortly after their graduation from University and began their teaching careers at Hay Lakes, and



Back: Louis, Lyle. Front: Malfrid, Janet and Alan Erga. Taken "about" 1949.

Lacombe, Alberta. They moved to the Camrose district where they bought a farm. They have continued to live on the farm and both are still teaching in Camrose. Clair is at Sifton school and Alan teaches at Camrose Composite High School. They have two daughters, Dionne and Lynette.

Dionne attended Camrose Composite High and Camrose Lutheran College and is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a teacher's degree. She married Cameron Schwartz of Camrose. They are living in Edmonton where Dionne is employed as a Teacher. Lynette attended Camrose Composite High and Camrose Lutheran College before entering University of Alberta where she is a third year student.

Janet Karen Erga, the youngest child of Malfrid and Louis was born in Camrose on February 5, 1944. She graduated from High School at Round Hill and from there went to Edmonton where she took Nurses Training. In June 1964 she married Arvin Magneson of Camrose. They both worked at the Bethany Auxiliary Hospital for a while. In 1968 Janet and Arvin moved to Sherwood Park and Arvin started work at the University Hospital in Edmonton. To this union three children were born, namely Darren, Rhonda and Kevin.

Darren was born in Camrose in 1965. He grew up in Sherwood Park and graduated from Beverly Facey high school. He later went to NAIT in Edmonton and is presently employed at South Land Canada.

Rhonda, born May 8, 1968 in Camrose, graduated from Ardrossan High School and then attended University of Alberta where she took a Course in Fabrics and Textiles. Later, she attended NAIT and graduated as a Dental Assistant and is working for a Dentist in Edmonton. She married Marc Verhagen of Edmonton where they live.

Kevin was born December 13, 1970 in Edmonton. He is the youngest of the Magneson children. He graduated from Ardrossan High School and then went to Grant MacEwan College before entering the University of Alberta. He is in his second year studying towards a degree in Cartography. He lives in Edmonton where he works part-time for McGavin Foods.

Boness, Palmer and Signe (Hagen) by Diane (Boness) Rude

Signe was born on March 11, 1911, in the Forestburg district, the second oldest daughter of Emma and Gunder Hagen. Palmer was born on July 15, 1910 on the farm presently owned by



Palmer and Signe Boness – Forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, June 22, 1983.

Harley Lehman. Signe married Palmer Boness, son of Jacob and Marie (Lerbekmo) Boness, a farmer at Kingman, on June 22, 1938.

Signe and Palmer settled in the Kingman area and rented and later bought the Boness quarter just east of the Kingman cemetery. From 1958 – 1962, they lived in the Searle Grain house in Kingman where Palmer was elevator agent. They continued to live on the farm until May 1971, when they sold their farm to Lloyd Erickson of Edmonton. They retired to Winfield B.C. and lived there until the spring of 1982. At this time Palmer and Signe returned to Camrose. Signe passed away



Vern and Darla (Boness) Hanson – Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, October 14, 1986.

on October 9, 1984. Presently, Palmer is a resident at the Holden Lodge.

Palmer and Signe had 2 girls: Darla and Diane. Darla was born on May 16, 1940 in Camrose. She married Vern Hanson of Edmonton on October 14, 1961 in Kingman. They live on a farm in the Morinville area. They adopted 2 boys: Darvin born on December 26, 1966, who was killed in a traffic accident at the age of 11; and James, born on March 31, 1968, who is married to Angie LaValley and they have three children: twins Alex and Christine and Veronica. Darla has been a Registered Nurse in St. Albert for many years and Vern is a district captain in the Edmonton Fire Department.

Diane was born on June 12, 1943 in Camrose. (See the Lawrence Rude history)

BONESS, Florence Thelma

(by Malfred Erga)

Florence Thelma Boness was born on the Bardo Homestead on February 10, 1913. She moved to Kingman with her parents when she was four years old. She was very ill during the flu' epidemic in 1918. This left her with a kidney ailment that affected her health through the years. However, she was very athletic and enjoyed sports of all kinds. She was a member of the Kingman softball team. They felt very honored when they were invited by Pop Lawrence of the Eskimo Club to play at the Edmonton Exhibition.

After finishing High School, Florence went to Camrose Normal School, where she received her teacher's certificate. After a few years of teaching, Florence married Art Swaren of Camrose. They



Florence (Boness) and husband, Art Swaren.

lived in Camrose a few years and then moved to Vancouver, B.C. While there, they were divorced. Sometime later Florence married Ken Strong. At that time her health had begun to deteriorate due to her kidney problems. She died at the early age of 38 years in 1951. Florence did not have any children. She is buried in the Ocean View Cemetery in Vancouver, B.C.

BONESS, Glen, Vivian and Family

(by Glen Boness)

My parents, Jacob and Marie moved from the Bardo district before I arrived. The family had relocated to a larger farm near Kingman, Alberta. In succeeding years they lived briefly in Camrose where I was born on May 26, 1931. Normal School students, boarding in our home, helped to choose my name so I got lots of them – Glen Kenneth Marvin. My parents then returned to the Kingman farm. In 1937 I had two months of grade one in Kingman, before moving to Bawlf where my parents had purchased the Home Cafe.

My formal education continued in the Bawlf school as did my informal experience gained from living in the restaurant and sleeping upstairs. At one point, I was the youngest Edmonton Journal carrier in the province. Each evening I faithfully met the bus to collect five papers for delivery to



Glenn and Vivian Boness.

three customers with the remaining two copies to be sold over the counter.

In 1943 my parents retired to Vancouver, B.C., and I, of course, went with them.

I first met my future wife, Vivian Thomassen, in confirmation class at First Lutheran Church in Vancouver. Coincidentally, her parents had immigrated to Ferry Point, Alberta, from Sorreisa (not too far distant from the Boness – Lerbekmo home districts in northern Norway).

Vivian and I were married October 16, 1954, in Vancouver, B.C. We have four children, Kenneth Marvin, Linda Gail, Donna Jean and Arlene Marie.

Vivian worked as a secretary/stenographer before taking up the full-time challenge as mother of four children. I worked for thirteen years as a Customs Officer in Vancouver. After a brief stint in the private sector, I returned for twenty years of public service with the Government of B.C. as an Industrial Relations Officer and Regional Manager in the Ministry of Labour. During those years we took postings in Vancouver, Williams Lake, Prince George and Victoria, B.C., and decided in 1987 to take early retirement.

We are enjoying our retirement years on the beautiful Saanich Peninsula of Vancouver Island near Victoria, B.C. A motorhome, sailboat and large garden provide us with ample opportunity to keep active. We have regular contact with our four children, six grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren, all of whom are located in the greater Victoria area.

Ken Boness is a bus driver with the B.C. Transit System. His wife, Tammy Fowler works in administration at a private school. She has two lovely daughters, Kelsy and Lindsay. Ken and Tammy have a son Richard, born on March 22, 1992.

Linda Russel is a homemaker and day care operator. Her husband, Kent, works in a community recreation centre. Their children are: Michael, Marie, Matthew and Mark.

Donna Manning is an auditor in the loans department of a Credit Union. Her husband, Bruce, is a journeyman carpenter employed on local construction projects. Tyler, their first child, arrived on February 25, 1992.

Arlene Boness resides in Begbie House, where she receives the personal care necessary to cope with chronic schizophrenia. In spite of her illness she has an active life with crafts, swimming, bowling and even some travel.

The recorded history of the origin of family

and community is significant for two reasons. It notes the fact that grandfather John P. Lerbekmo was one of the original settlers in the Bardo district. This historical record is also an important base of information for future generations of our family.

Nils and Ovedia Brekkan, Karen and Ingolf

(by Esther Brekkan)

In 1905, Ovedia Olsdatter Bangen, 28 years of age, left Norway for Canada, and came to Eagle Hills, Alberta. Nils Brekkan, 27 years old, immigrated to Eagle Hills also. There, Ovedia and Nils were married, making Eagle Hills their home. Here, two children were born – Karen and Ingolf. Not long after this, Nils died.



Ovedia Brekkan, 75th Birthday.

Ovedia and the children travelled to Bardo, where they had relatives and friends from Norway. At first, they lived in a small house on the Bartness place. After a few years they moved their house to the P.B. Anderson farm. Here Ovedia worked as a helper to Marit Anderson. The children attended Anderson (Bardo) School, but Ingolf



Bardu area, northern Norway, 1963. The original log home of Karen Moore's (nee Brekkan) grandparents. The lady in the white dotted dress is Karen. Her son David stands in front.

often stayed at home from school to help with the farm work.

After Anderson (Bardo) School, Karen took her high school in Tofield. Upon completing this, she attended Normal School in Camrose. She taught school for many years in various places.

Ingolf helped the men on the farm at Anderson's and became very adept with horses. After he was grown, he attended Canadian Lutheran Bible School. Returning to Bardo, he took up trucking, hauling milk to the Cheese Factory in Round Hill. Later he worked as a caterpillar operator at Dodds Coal Mine. Ingolf was gifted with a strong voice, and often sang solos in church. For many years, he was president of the Bardo Sunday School.

In later years, Ovedia and Karen made a trip to Norway, which had been the dream of their lives. Later Karen married Bill Moore of Calgary, and Ovedia lived with them. In 1954 they adopted a baby boy whom they named David. After a while, Ovedia moved to Bethany Sunset Home in Camrose. She lived there until she died. Many years later, Karen's health began to fail, and after a long illness, she died. Ingolf married Esther Ness (see their history).

MOORE, Karen (Carey Brekkan) and William (Bill)

(by William Moore)

Karen (Carey) Brekkan, the eldest of two children born to Ovedia and Nils Brekkan, was born at Eagle Hill, Alberta, in 1907. Nils died of



Carey (Brekkan) and Bill Moore's wedding – August 20, 1949.

influenza when the children were young. At that time Ovedia and her children, Karen and Ingolf, moved to Bardo, Alberta, where they had friends and relatives. Ovedia took positions in domestic work, much of it at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Anderson. She had her own house there.

Karen and Ingolf attended Anderson school (Bardo). Later, Karen attended High School in Tofield. After that she took Normal School training in Camrose. She taught in Spirit River, Berwyn, and Camrose, all in Alberta. She was in the Armed Forces for a brief time. Later she attended the University of Alberta.

In 1949 Karen married William Moore, a teacher in Calgary. In 1954 they adopted an infant son, David. In 1963 the Moore's made a trip to Norway, and visited Ovedia's birthplace in Bardu. It was a delightful visit. They also visited England at this time.



Bill and Karen (Carey) Moore, son David.

The Moore's attended the United Church in Calgary. In 1976 Karen was made a Life Member of the United Church.

After a fairly lengthy illness, Karen passed away, in 1982. William and David still reside in Calgary.

BREKKAN, Ingolf, Esther and Donald **(by Esther Brekkan)**

Esther Ness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ness, took grades one to nine at Grand Forks School, High School at Camrose Lutheran College and Normal School in Camrose. After a short time at teaching, she attended the University of Alberta where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She changed her career by attending

McTavish Business College, after which she entered the business world.

In 1952 Ingolf Brekkan and Esther Ness were married. They bought Olaf and Nora Anderson's farm, where they lived for nineteen years. In 1954 their son Donald was born. He took all his schooling in Tofield, Alberta.



Esther Brekkan and Donald.



Ingolf Brekkan and Donald.

In the fall of 1971 Ingolf died. Esther and Donald stayed on the farm until Donald finished grade twelve. In the fall of 1972 they sold the farm and moved to Edmonton. Donald held various jobs, going as far as Inuvik, N.W.T. In 1983 he enrolled at the University of Alberta where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Donald

took a job with the Edmonton Youth Development Centre. In 1991 he transferred to Social Services.

During Esther's retirement she has taken courses in Art and Creative Writing, which she enjoyed immensely. She is cozily situated in an apartment for Seniors in Edmonton, Alberta.

THE BROCKE STORY

(by Gustave O. Brocke)

In 1893 my parents, Olav G. and Anna Brocke and family consisting of a daughter, Gustava – 11 years old; three sons, Gunder – 9 years, Torval – 5 years and Torfin – 1 year, decided to leave Tyresdal, Norway and immigrate to America. They landed in U.S.A. and resided in Iowa for 2 years. In 1895 they moved to Canada and homesteaded the S.E. 1/4-34-49-19-W4 in the Bardo Settlement. Later Gunder homesteaded the S.W. 1/4 of the same section.



The Brocke family. Back Row: Gunder, Torfin, Torval. Front Row: Gustave, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Brocke, Inggrid.

I remember the log and sod-roofed house we lived in at first. Later Dad and the boys built a two-story frame house. Dad was a good blacksmith and built an old-fashioned bellows, to keep the fire going in his forge. It was my job to pump the bellows whenever he had blacksmithing to do.

1901 and 1903 were sad years for the family. Gustava passed away in 1901. In 1902 Gustaf was born but he was not well and passed away in 1903. They are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

In 1912 the farm was sold to a neighbor, W. Simonson and we moved to Edmonton. In 1918 Mother and Dad got a job at the Camrose Lutheran College. Mother was the cook and Dad the janitor and I attended High School. When I

graduated in 1922 we moved back to Edmonton so I could go to Normal School to become a teacher.

Mother and Dad spent their last years in Lea Park. Gunder and I taught in neighboring schools there, so we rebuilt a granary for a house for them. Dad passed away in 1936 at 85 years and Mother in 1943. They are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Lea Park.

Gunder became an accomplished violinist and organized an orchestra in his school. He married Selma Barstad, one of his pupils, and they raised seven children. When he retired they moved to Vancouver. Selma passed away in the 40's and Gunder in the 50's.

During World War I, Torval joined up as a bandsman in the 202nd Battalion. When he returned he married Anna Solberg. They raised four daughters – Audrie, Norma, Lorraine and Eva. Torval died in 1949 and was buried in Beechmont Cemetery Military Plot in Edmonton. Anna passed away in 1979 and was buried in the Ryley Cemetery.

Torfin became a steam engineer and worked in lumber camps in B.C. Washington and Oregon. He later became a Minister for the Four Square Gospel Church in Oregon. He married Mabel Sutton. He died in 1955 and was buried in the Rose City Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

Ingrid, who was raised by Brockes, married Gustav Lagergren and raised a daughter, Irene and a son, Donald. They lived in Edmonton. Later, when Gustav died in 1972, Ingrid moved to the old folk's Lodge in Hythe, Alberta. Her daughter had married Lavern Sorgaard, who farmed at LaGlace, just a few miles from Hythe. Ingrid passed away in 1978 and was buried in Northfield Cemetery in LaGlace, Alberta.

After forty seven years of teaching and then retiring in 1970 we live a few miles from Bardo on my son's acreage near Elk Island Park where we built a house in 1986. In 1937 Helen Nelson of Cold Lake became my wife. We raised one son, Larry and a daughter Winona. When I retired we moved to Haney, B.C. where our daughter lived with John Strohm and four children – 2 boys and 2 girls. In 1986 we came to Alberta. Larry earned two degrees at the University of Alberta and is now employed by the Alberta Government in Reclamation Department. He has two daughters, Alysson and Connie. He is now a Grandpa and I a Great-Grandpa. We are very proud of our Great-Grandson, Bradley.

Lyn Gerard, daughter of my niece Eva

Mackenzie, deserves special mention in this story. She researched and wrote, "The Brocke Family Tree" and keeps it updated. The accumulative thanks of all the Brocke clan for your excellent work!

Broughton Family History (submitted by Alice Broughton)

The Ole Broughton family who homesteaded in the Donalda, Alberta area had early contact with Bardo pioneers through Camrose Lutheran College, Church conventions and summer "tent" meetings held in Camrose.

Ole and Anna Broughton became close friends with many Bardo folk such as the Andersons, Hendricksons, Ronnings, Rorems, Nesses and other families. Chester Ronning and Palmer Anderson were very special to them. Anne (Hendrickson) Anderson taught vacation church school at the Bethany Church one summer, a few years prior to her marriage in 1920. Ole's admiration for the Bardo pioneers is clearly expressed in a poem he wrote for the fiftieth anniversary of the church in 1944.

Laurence Broughton became Principal and Senior room teacher of the Anderson School in 1936. He and his wife, Sibylle, (Lefsrud) with their wee daughter, Peggy, lived in a small house on the Joe Stauffer farm. From there, he moved to the Tofield school and taught in various other places before he was appointed Superintendent of Schools in 1943. He held posts in Lac La Biche, High Prairie and Cardston. In 1953 he was given the task of beginning the Alberta School for the Deaf. He retained the position of Principal until his death in March, 1967. Sibylle passed away in October, 1970.

Laurence and Sibylle had five daughters, one of which passed away in infancy. The oldest, Peggy Mollerup, is a nurse and holds an administrative position with the Bethany Care Centre at Airdrie, Alberta. Marianne Bergum is a psychiatric nurse at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Southgate, Edmonton. Laurelle Skaret took Business Education and has been employed at Southgate's Hudson Bay Store. Beverly Lokseth is a Pharmacist in Peace River, Alberta.

Ernest Broughton did not have the good fortune to reside in the Bardo district but he also formed some lasting friendships with many of the Bardo folk through association with Camrose College and Young People's Conventions. He and his wife, Evelyn (Erickson) farmed a number of years in the Edberg and Camrose areas before

moving to Grande Prairie where they still reside. They have five daughters and now after fifty-five years of marriage find much pride and joy in their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ernest Broughton passed away October 10, 1993.

Broughton, Alice

(by Alice)

I grew up on a farm in the Bethany district near Donalda with my parents and brothers. They were happy years. I took the first nine grades in a rural school, went to Edberg for grade ten, then attended Camrose College for grade eleven. Due to a shortage of teachers we were able to enter Normal School at Camrose for teacher training after completing grade eleven. I began my teaching career in rural schools at Athabasca and Colinton. I then returned to Camrose College for grade twelve to qualify for a First Class teaching certificate.



Alice Broughton.

I came to the Bardo district in September, 1940 to teach the Junior room at the Anderson (Bardo) School. Bert Loken and his wife, Lillian, also came that year. He was Principal and Senior room teacher. When he moved in 1943, I was offered the position he vacated. Florence Forgan came as Junior room teacher and we lived in the teacherage. During my last year in the community (1944-1945) Loolah Lerbekmo taught the Junior room. Some years prior to that, she had been Principal. We remained close friends and I often visited them in Cooking Lake and later, at Tofield when Loolah was at the Lodge.

My years in the district were happy and rewarding. The community was like one big happy family and everyone made me feel a part of it. I boarded with Joe and Petra Stauffer. They treated me like a daughter. Through them I also had some pleasant contacts with the Mennonite community.

I had so many pleasant experiences in Bardo. I was encouraged to succeed Albin Anderson as

director of the Male Chorus. How could I take on that challenge, or follow Albin? I think it was Magda Hendrickson who gave me the courage to try. With Muriel Finseth's able assistance at the piano we managed. What an honor and joy that became! And what fun! However, the ladies were not to be outdone so it was a Ladies' Chorus next. Perhaps we were ambitious but we attempted the Easter Cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King" and even presented it at Moland Church in Camrose.

The friendships I acquired during those years at Bardo have remained true and very precious, giving me many memories to treasure. I can only say thanks to everyone for permitting me to be a part of your lives. Some good friends are no longer with us but remain a great influence on my life.

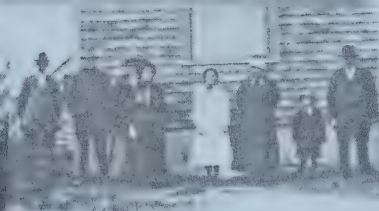
After leaving Bardo, I attended Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose for two years. In 1948 I accepted a position as Grade one teacher in Wetaskiwin. I was Principal of one elementary school and in 1969 was appointed Co-ordinator of the Elementary schools until I retired. These years of retirement have been pleasant and fulfilling also. I have been blessed with good health and freedom to travel fairly extensively. For a good life I am truly thankful.

Moses M. and Rosina (Bacher) Burkholder

Moses was born January 25, 1872 in Indiana, U.S.A. He was married there and moved to Oregon in 1892. From there he moved to Tofield in 1913 by way of the train. He came from one of the largest families in North America. His father had 565 descendants at the time of his death at the age of 94.

Moses rented a farm 3½ miles southeast of Bardo and in 1916 he borrowed money from two Tofield merchants and bought a quarter section from Mrs. Shephard. The cows were listed by name on the chattel mortgage. The water on the place was a brown color from the coal seam from which it came. The same year he built a large barn and added on to the existing house. Being a good carpenter helped make these projects possible. One of the means for making payments was buying sows and making "good" sausage and selling it locally.

There were seven children besides one that died as an infant: Sarah (Mrs. John Burkey), Joseph, Mary (Mrs. Abe Weber), David, Daniel, John, Anna (Mrs. Marlin Brubacher), and Levi. Sarah moved to Nebraska and Levi to Ohio. The others settled in Alberta.



#1: Joseph and Adeline (Lauber) Burkholder, 1931. Elmer, Owen, Paul, Annie, Ada, Willard. (Uncle Dave's car.) #2: Howard and Grace, about 1940. #3: Rumely oil pull tractor. John Burkholder's threshing outfit. Dave used crutches. He would stop the machine if there was trouble. Abe Weber standing by the wheel. #4: Moses Burkholder's house of 1916. The car is a 4-90 Chev, bought by son Joe from Moses Burkholder. #5: Joseph, Adeline and married children. Elmer, Annie, Howard, Grace, Willard, Ada, Paul. #6: Moses and Rosinda Burkholder and children. Joe, John, Dave, Sarah, Anna, Levi. Missing: Dan and Mary. #7: Barn, built in 1916. Howard and Grace helping to make hay. #8: Howard, Ada, Grace, and Annie with a can of water in the back for school - 3½ miles. #9: 1938 Chrysler, first car after the Bennet Buggy. House built in 1916. Back Row: Paul, Elmer, Willard. Front Row: Annie, Grace, Howard, Ada.



Mr. and Mrs. Moses (Rosinda) Burkholder. Willard Burkholder arrived in Tofield, Alberta in March, 1913 from Oregon, U.S.A.

The younger children would often walk the 3½ miles to Bardo School. Anna would sometimes stop at the David Yoder residence to babysit and would always give her money to her parents. Lucinda finally gave her a beaded purse so she would have a remembrance for her work.

Moses and Rosina were noted for their hospitality and they both loved to sing. They were loyal members and faithful supporters of the Salem Mennonite Church.

A note of interest was Moses teaching the grandchildren about the Easter bunny but definitely not Santa Claus. He also encouraged memorizing scripture.

Rosina died in 1923 and soon after John and Dan took over the farming. They had a large Rumley tractor and threshing machine that they did custom work for the neighbors. They had a sale in 1928. Buyers could have credit until the fall, if the purchase was over \$20.00.

In 1929 Joseph took over the farm and later purchased it from his father. In the fall of 1929 Joseph bought a John Deere Model D tractor from Ben Anderson.

Moses moved to Los Angeles, California in 1927 and in December he married Anna Megert. They stayed in California for the remainder of their lives. Moses passed away June 19, 1957 and Anna on December 6, 1970.

Notes of Interest on the Children, in order of their age:

Sarah – Married John Burkey, a widower with two children. She was self educated but very knowledgeable. They farmed in Nebraska and had a very hospitable home.

Joseph – Married Adeline Lauber and had nine children, all of them went to Bardo School. He farmed the home place and was a blacksmith, carpenter, barber, and did many other things

including custom work for others. He had double curvature of the spine from a bout with polio.

Mary – Married Abe Weber. She had seven children and moved to a number of different places. She was very resourceful in making use of almost anything she could put her hands on. Her last place of residence was in Duchess, Alberta.

David – He was crippled from polio and was on crutches much of his life. He repaired watches and stayed with Joseph, Daniel and Anna.

Daniel – Married Carrie Brubacher and lived in Duchess. He gave massage treatments, was an I.H.C. dealer, mechanic and loved music. They had no children.

John – Married Mary Siemens and had three children. He farmed and worked as a mechanic for his brother Dan. He could also do good carpenter work. He made his home in Duchess.

Moses – Died as an infant.

Anna – Married Marlin Brubacher and made their home in Duchess. They lived on an irrigation farm. She helped take care of her brothers after her mother passed away and became a very gracious person with excellent singing ability. Her husband was a Deacon in the Duchess Mennonite Church.

Levi – Married Pearl Klopfenstein. He farmed in Ohio and had three children.

The Joseph and Adeline (Lauber) Burkholder Family

(submitted by Paul Burkholder)

Adeline Lauber (b. September 15, 1896 – d. March 22, 1980) came with her parents, Ben and Phoebe (Stauffer) Lauber in 1910. They came from Nebraska and lived in temporary quarters during which time Adeline attended Anderson (Bardo) School with a Mr. Bower as teacher.

Joseph Burkholder (b. July 16, 1892 – d. August 22, 1979) came with his parents, Moses and Rosina (Bacher), from Oregon in 1913. They settled on a farm 3 1/2 miles southeast of Bardo. Joseph was too old to attend school, but some of his younger brothers and sisters did.

Joseph and Adeline were married in December, 1916. It was also that year that the large barn on the Burkholder place was built. It held as high as 100 loads of hay, put up with slings.

After Joseph's marriage, they lived on rented places for a number of years, moved on to the home place in 1929 and later bought it. It was a mixed farming operation with dairy cows, pigs and chickens. Farming was a way of life. The farming was done with horses until the early 1930's, when

a Model D John Deere steel wheel tractor was purchased along with a 10 foot power binder. In the fall a threshing ring was formed so that a number of neighbors could work together. Often the workers would sleep in the barn, and after a little experience one looked to see where the pigeons were perched for the night.

The Salem Mennonite Church was the centre of religious as well as social life. The 'Dutch Park' ball diamond was in the pasture and was the focus of activity at least once a week in the summer.

It was difficult to get a good water supply. One of the wells came from a coal seam so that the water looked like coffee but smelled like something else. A diversion was tying tin cans, or kite tails, to the posterior of the stray cats or dogs that showed up, then watching speed records being established. Rabbits were a source of meat in the 30's and spending money for the children came from gopher tails, crow and magpie feet and eggs. There was not a lot of money but we certainly were able to create our own entertainment.

There were nine children, the oldest, Esther, born in 1918 died of diptheria in 1924. All the other eight children attended Anderson School (Bardo). They were:



The Joseph Burkholder family. Back Row: Paul, Howard, Willard, Elmer. Middle Row: Ada, Grace, Annie. Front Row: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burkholder.

Elmer – born January 14, 1920 and passed away in 1981. He was one of the early skate sharpeners. In 1946 he married Verda (Stauffer). They had three children – Viola (Stewart), Glenn and Ethel. Elmer was involved in farming, blacksmithing, welding and carpentry. At times, he worked at other places including Pine Point and the Bennett Dam in B.C. He was active in the church and also in the Drop In Center in

Edmonton. His creation of a working model steam engine will long be remembered.

Owen – was born August 3, 1921 and attended Anderson (Bardo) for most of his education. He died in 1939 after riding his bicycle home from church in the rain. After arriving home, he went to bed and passed away with heart problems.

Willard – was born April 24, 1923. All his nine grades were taken at Anderson (Bardo) School. Owen and Willard each received a fountain pen from Ellen Walker for the best attendance one year. In 1945 he married Alma Stalter and settled on a farm. They had three children – Gerald, Leona (Cardinal) and Julia (Redford). Gerald and Leona also attended Bardo. They drove a horse and buggy to get around with. Later, they sold the farm and moved to Edmonton where Willard worked for Shaw Pipe, and Alma worked in a laundry. They are now retired and both are active in the Holyrood Mennonite Church. Willard's handiman skills certainly keep him occupied and they do have a lot of guests drop in to enjoy their hospitality.



Willard and Alma (Stalter) Burkholder, Gerald (1946), Leona (1949), Julia (1960).

Paul – was born April 17, 1925 and was always small for his age. His smallness made him a prime subject for being tossed in the air by a group standing around with a blanket. He was tossed high enough to see in the second floor window at



Paul and Doris (Stalter) Burkholder family, 1991. Stanley (son), Chris, Jolene and Courtney; Owen (son), Ruth Ann, Minnette, Marla and Michelle; Marcus, Fern (daughter) and Joel Diener; Ruben, Luanna (daughter), Marty, Ricky and Cindy Friesen; Nancy (daughter), Henry, Bonnie, Landon and Braden Friesen; Sharon, Timothy (son), Kirby, Colin and Melanie Burkholder; Raymond, Wyonne (daughter), Andrew, Marlin and Clifford Weber. Front Centre: Doris and Paul.

the Anderson School (Bardo). He was first in the family to go beyond Grade nine and followed through with later schooling. He became an ordained minister in 1950. At school, he was known for his acting ability and was involved in drama as 'Tiny Tim', a shadow monkey, etc.

In 1947, Paul married Doris Stalter and that fall they moved to Smith, Alberta to help start a church. In November, 1948 they moved to Bluesky, Alberta to start a church there. They had seven children – Timothy, Owen, Luanna (Friesen), Wyonne (Weber), Nancy (Friesen), Fern (Diener) and Stanley. Paul, along with his brother Howard, started a construction (carpentry) business as well as a retail building supply outlet in Bluesky. In 1983, he had a cardiac arrest and is now retired, but active.

Ada – was born May 9, 1927. After taking her schooling in Anderson School (Bardo), she married Keith Francis, who was a widower with one daughter, Margaret. They had two more girls – Cheryl (Meiklejohn) and Heather (Boettger). Ada and Keith live on an acreage near Tofield. Ada worked as a Personal Care Aide in the Tofield Health Center, but retired in 1990, and is now signed up as a volunteer at the Long Term Care unit. Keith was a licensed mechanic but is now also retired. They too are active in the Salem Mennonite Church.



Keith and Ada (Burkholder) Francis family, 1992. Back Row: Cheryl, Dave, Keith, Jason, Elwood, Heather, Bob, Margaret. Front Row: Penny, Kimberley, Ada, Bradley, Brent, Dale, Sherri, Cindy.

Annie – was born November 11, 1929 on the home place. After her Anderson (Bardo) schooling, she went to Hesston College in Kansas and then on to LaJunta, Colorado for nurses' training. In 1957 she married Willis Snyder and they are now living in Longmont, Colorado. She is still active as a nurse in a Doctor's office. Willis is retired after working as an electrician at the IBM factory. They had three children – Marilyn (Hammond), Ricky and Cheri. Annie is the only one of the children that moved to the U.S.A.



Willis and Annie (Burkholder) Snyder family. Back: Mitch and Marilyn (Snyder) Hammond, Cheri Ann (Snyder) and Robert Simmons, Annie and Willis, Richard. Front: Gregory Hammond.

Howard – was born February 25, 1932 on the home farm and stayed there for the next 25 years. Howard received a softball bat from Loolah Lerbekmo for being the best boy in school. He moved to Bluesky in 1958 and apprenticed as a carpenter with his brother, Paul. He received a scholarship for the best apprentice in his first year of schooling. He became a business partner and helped start Burkholder Building Supplies Ltd. in 1965. Howard married Dorothy (Roth) in 1964, in Ontario. They made their home in Bluesky, Alberta. He is still an active partner in the business and both are very deeply involved in the Bluesky Mennonite Church. Howard is a lover of horses even if he doesn't own one. They had two girls – Elaine and Janice.



Janice Burkholder, Elaine and Robert Stutzman, Dorothy and Howard Burkholder.

Grace – was born February 18, 1934. She was married to Roy Reist in 1954. They are the owners of the original Burkholder Farmstead, approximately 3 1/2 miles southeast of Bardo. They operate a dairy farm and are active in the Salem Mennonite Church. Grace was born in the house where they now live. The Doctor bill for coming out and making the delivery was \$10.00. That was on a Sunday and was one of the few times the children were allowed to go skating. I guess they wanted us out of the way. Grace and Roy had four children – Allen, Shirley (Best), Mervin and Willis.



Roy and Grace Reist family, 1993. Standing: Lisa and Willis; JoAnn and Allen: Samuel and Shirley Best; Mervin and Kay. Sitting: Amy, Jocelyn, Roy, Joel, Grace, Ryan Best, Danielle and Alison.

BURKHOLDER, Elmer and Verda (Stauffer)

(by Verda Burkholder and Harry Stauffer)

Verda, born April 15, 1922 to parents Benjamin and Nora (King) Stauffer, married Elmer Burkholder on June 27, 1946. He was the son of Joseph and Lina (Lauber) Burkholder. Elmer was a blacksmith by trade, having apprenticed with Mr. Herman Larvik as a sixteen-year-old, in the blacksmith shop at Dodds. Larviks were the grandparents of Bernice Heiberg. Elmer praised Mr. Larvik for his ability in teaching him how to properly temper and sharpen plough-shares and how to repair and set wooden wheels.

For a couple of years Elmer owned and ran the Blacksmith business in Round Hill which he sold and then bought NW-21-49-18-4 in 1946.

Elmer and Verda lived here for eight years and had three children. Viola was born July 28, 1947, Glenn, born February 13, 1949 and Ethel, born October 16, 1950.

Elmer Burkholder.



By 1954 an opportunity became available to buy the Blacksmith shop in Tofield. Since farming did not hold the same interest as blacksmithing they bought a house in Tofield and moved off the farm. In time, blacksmithing came to a closing era so Elmer took a welding course and could do both in the second shop which he bought. It was where Spence Goddard had his implement shop.

After thirteen years in Tofield, the demand for good welders brought about better wages elsewhere than was possible in Tofield. Elmer was hired by different contractors and the last job he had was with Casco Ltd. in Edmonton. His health failed and he passed away in 1981.

Their daughter, Viola, after public schooling, graduated as a Medical Lab Technician. She married Avery Stewart and they raised three children, Mathias, Michella and Jonathan. They live at New Serepta. When the children became older, Viola returned to her former work.

Glenn's history is separate.

Ethel lives in St. Albert and has two children, Marcel and Becky. She does secretarial work besides driving a school bus. Verda continues to live in Tofield and is enjoying her retirement. She loves to travel, visiting children and grandchildren and now has time to do the extra things there was never time to do in earlier life.

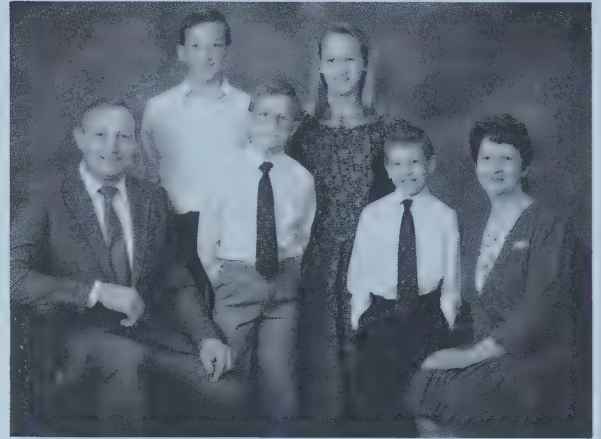


Verda Burkholder and family. Back Row: Avery Stewart, Mathias, Michelle, Ethel, Connie, Glenn, Brian. Front Row: Jonathan, Viola, Marcel, Becky, Verda, David, Donna, Lorne.

BURKHOLDER, Glenn and Donna (Connie, Brian, Lorne & David)

(by Glenn Burkholder)

I married Donna (Price) daughter of Ewalt Price of Millet, Alberta, on October 18, 1975. To our union, we were blessed with four children, Connie, born April 28, 1977; Brian, born December 27, 1978; Lorne, born September 2, 1981; and David, born July 4, 1984.



Glenn Burkholder family. Glenn, Brian, Lorne, Connie, David, Donna.

It has been a real treat to raise our family on the farm, and at this stage in our lives we are realizing how much our children help with the farming. Our children are attending Cornerstone Christian Academy and I am one of the volunteer bus drivers. Donna is a Registered Nurse and at the present is working at the Tofield Health Centre. Donna's training has been very helpful in the home and in the dairy. When the children have mishaps or get sick she usually knows what has to be done. Around our home she is called on with regularity, what with broken arms, stitches, and flus.

In 1983 Donna and I purchased NW-21-49-18-4 and the E1/2-21-49-18-4 from my Mother, Verda Burkholder. In 1991 we purchased the W1/2-21-29-18-W4 from Philip and Anita Martin. My farming career goes back to 1962 when my Grandma (Nora Stauffer) gave me a heifer calf. At that time I lived in Tofield where my father (Elmer Burkholder) had a Blacksmith Shop. As a thirteen-year-old I looked forward to, and spent most of my weekends on the farm at Grandma Stauffer's place. In 1964 my heifer had a calf and my uncle (Harry Stauffer) milked her. Two years later I was in Grade Twelve, tried milking a couple of cows on the above mentioned lands and

attended school at Tofield, but that only lasted until October. My neighbor, Kenneth Zook, took my cows and calves for the remainder of that school term. In the summer of 1967 I began full time farming except for a year and a half in which I attended Camrose Lutheran College, now Augustana University.

In 1967 it was reasonably easy to get into dairy farming. Fill out a form and apply for a quota number, deliver your milk or cream in cans and your Quota number would cover your production. I feel badly that the cost of Quotas has made it very difficult for young persons, without equity, to get started in dairy farming.

I would like to give a little history of those who in previous years owned our farm. The first title after CPR was granted the land was to a Mr. Rolf Hjelter from Minnesota, and then a Mr. Jacob Mundheuke from Milford, Nebraska, and then Mr. Oliver Berg and Mrs. Helga Berg. From 1926 to 1946 (when my father purchased the land) it was in Real Estates; that being Mr. Claude Gallinger, Mr. Wilbur Krafts, and Mr. Lawrence Bond. My father bought the land from his Uncle and Aunt, Daniel and Mattie Schwartzendruber.

We as a family attend Salem Mennonite Church and are thankful to God for His faithfulness as we serve the Church and Community.

Angus Campbell Family

(by Evelyn Stauffer)

Angus Campbell was a son of Donald Campbell and Jane Russel who were married June 6, 1843, in Scotland. Angus was born on April 4, 1855 in Ontario. One of ten children, he followed in his father's footsteps and became a farmer. He married Mary Jane Young (born December 25, 1856) of Barrie, Ontario, in September 1879. To this union ten children were born – nine girls and one boy.

Luella	- b.1881	d.1956	m.Bert Bishop, 1901
Margaret	- b.1883	d.1974	m.Earrest Knupp, 1907
Jessie	- b.1885	d.1962	m.Robert Stranaghan, 1909
Susie	- b.1885	d.1968	m.Harland Marshall, 1906
Nellie	- b.1887	d.1954	m.George Smith, 1911
Donald	- b.1889	d.1972	m.Agnes Law, 1915
Bella	- b.1891	d.1918	
Lillie	- b.1894	d.1941	m.Samuel Stirrett, 1917
Myrtle	- b.1896	d.1956	m.LeRoy Flemming, 1916
Grace	- b.1899		m.Herman Lawson, 1918

In the spring of 1906 Angus and son, Donald, came west in search of land. They landed in Daysland, Alberta and spent the summer months working on the railroad. In the fall, Mrs. Campbell, Nellie, Bella, Lillie, Myrtle and Grace



Mr. and Mrs. Angus Campbell's wedding day – September 19, 1879.



Grace (Campbell) Lawson, Myrtle (Campbell) Flemming, Lily (Campbell) Stirritt.

arrived in Camrose. The four older girls stayed in Ontario. Their first home was on the Emigh Farm (SE 1/4-14-49-19-4) now owned by Undins, in a log house with a sod roof. They lived there for a short while before moving to the Lars Peterson farm, known as the Baasch place. They lived there a few years before moving to the Peter Scramstad farm, later owned by Oscar Simonson. In 1910 Angus Campbell purchased, from Henry Simonson, SW 28-49-19-4 (later owned by a grandson, Ross Flemming). He farmed until 1918 when he sold his farm. After a visit to Ontario, he returned and purchased C.P.R. land in the Woodlawn area. There was a small house which he lived in for several years. He retired in 1930, and spent some time with his families. The last couple of years was spent in an apartment above the Hay's Store in Tofield. He passed away July 28, 1936 at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Campbell passed away April 13, 1911 at the age of 65 years. Both are buried in the Tofield Cemetery along with Bella and Susie.

They were staunch Methodist people with their Scottish background. Son Donald filed on homestead land at Round Hill and farmed all his life with his wife Agnes. They raised a family of eight boys and three girls. Nellie and Bella became nurses. Nellie went by dog team to Dawson City to nurse. She married George Smith and they lived there many years. Later they moved to Vancouver, B.C. Both passed away there. Bella was a nurse in the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton. She contracted the 1918 flu while on duty and died. Lillie, Myrtle and Grace married locally and raised their families. They participated in community activities.

CARLISLE, Eugene and Dorothy

Eugene Carlisle was born to parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carlisle on April 7, 1917 in the Ketchamoot district. He was the second to the youngest in a family of six brothers and sisters. Gene attended Ketchamoot school. They lived on SW-21-50-19-4.

Dorothy Vanbuskirk was born to parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vanbuskirk, at Ross Creek on August 28, 1921, the youngest of seven brothers and sisters. Dorothy attended Ross Creek school.

Gene and Dorothy were married on March 25, 1942. They lived in the Ketchamoot district on the farm where Gene was born. They celebrated their Golden Wedding in the Tofield Community Centre on March 5, 1992 with their children and a large number of friends.



Eugene and Dorothy Carlisle and Jeannie.

Gene joined the army in December 1942 and served in the Armored Corps division for three years. He served in England, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He returned to Canada in January 1946.

Dorothy lived with her parents at Ross Creek when Gene was overseas. Daughter, Jeannie, was born April 30, 1943.

When Gene returned he and Dorothy came back to Ketchamoot and lived there until Gene went to work on the Don Litwin Poultry Farm in the Bardo district in 1967.

Gene and Dorothy have a family of five; Jeannie, married to Chuck Storms lives in Kamloops, BC. Reynold, born January 2, 1947, married Beverly Klatchuk and they live in Edmonton. Beverly, born March 13, 1950 married Greg Gillespie and lives in Edmonton also. Linda, born October 8, 1953, married Gordon English and lives in the Tofield area. Glenda, born September 10, 1957 is married to John Daoust and they live in the Tofield area.

Gene and Dorothy worked on the Litwin poultry farm which was sold to Vic Wiens in 1974. They continued to work there until 1990 when they

bought a house in Tofield where they reside presently. Dorothy is also known for her place in Arnold Jones musical group. She plays the guitar and often sings for the audience as well.

Dorothy and Gene have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Glenn and Roberta Ceretzke, Courtney and Trevor

1971 brought many changes to Glenn's life with the purchase of the Lavanda Wideman farm, originally the Nels Jevning Homestead. He purchased twenty Registered Aberdeen Angus heifers to start his BLACKTOF Angus herd. Glenn got the name from "Black" (in Black Angus) and "Tof" from their future home, Tofield.

While Glenn was busy making these changes, he still lived with his parents, Gus and Elsie Ceretzke, on their dairy farm in the Fultonvale area, east of Edmonton.

Glenn moved to the Bardo District in July of 1973. He brought with him – one wife, Roberta (Wiebe) Ceretzke whom he married on July 14, 1973, 20 cow/calf pairs, one bull, a dog, and six horses. They slowly settled in with married and farm life, and meeting a few of the neighbors. One fall evening, a neighbor phoned and said they would like to come over for coffee and the Ceretzkes said "Come on over." Well, they came. The whole Bardo community was there to welcome the new couple. They met everyone from the community. That was one of the many nice things the community has done. It took a few years for the Ceretzkes to get to know them all, because Glenn was usually off somewhere building a house for someone.

Glenn and Roberta have always been fond of animals, namely, Roberta, Arabian horses, and Glenn, Angus cattle. Roberta has always been involved with riding and training of horses since her childhood in Medicine Hat. She is the daughter of Edith and Gilbert Wiebe, originally from Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Roberta is presently the leader of the Tofield 4-H Light Horse Club, which she helped start in 1986.

Glenn and Roberta's firstborn, a girl, arrived in the spring of 1981. She was named Courtney. Courtney, like her mother, started riding horses and helping her dad round up the cattle. Glenn (being a proud father) always talked of the time when he was babysitting Courtney (she was two-and-a-half) while her mother was away. A first calf heifer was having a little trouble, but what do you do with the kid while you help the heifer? She has

to go to the barn with Dad. Trying to get a chain on one leg and keep it tight while trying to get a loop on the other leg (of the calf, not the cow) was proving a little tricky. After several tries, Dad got Courtney to help hold the one chain, and the result was a nice heifer calf. After that, every time a calf was being born, Courtney was always saying "Need some help, Dad?"

As of 1992, Courtney is an active member of the Tofield 4-H Beef and the Tofield 4-H Light Horse Clubs.

In 1983, Trevor Glenn was born. His interests are riding horses, and being a member of the Canadian Scouts Movement, where Dad is a leader.

Once again, proud father tells the story of Courtney and Trevor being sent out to the field with lunch for Dad. Trevor rode his favourite old pony, Sweetie Pie, and carried his Dad's lunch. When they got to the field Dad was at the other end, so they had to wait for him to come around. While they waited, they checked out the lunch – sandwiches, cookies, pie and apples. Dad made it around to the kids, but the lunch didn't make it to Dad. The kids found out that Sweetie Pie liked sandwiches, cookies, the pie, and apples. Sweetie Pie went home full but Dad had a long wait before supper.



Back Row: Courtney, Trevor. Front Row: Glen and Roberta Ceretzke.

CHINNECK, Thomas G.

(submitted by C.M. Chinneck and Tillie (Radke) Chinneck)

Thomas G. Chinneck and his wife, Jane Anne Smith, came to Edmonton, Alberta, from Ontario in 1889. Thomas homesteaded the SW1/4-2-50-19-W4 in the Bardo district, probably in 1894 or earlier and had another homestead quarter, SW1/4-14-50-19-W4 in his son Chester's name. These are both recorded on the Homestead map 1895. It is believed by the family, that Chester homesteaded in the Tofield area in 1903. Thomas was also a professional shoemaker.

Their family consisted of Chester Glenn, born January 11, 1883; William Harold, born January 15, 1885; Charles and Jessie.

Chester served 4½ years in the CMR in the Canadian Army, mostly overseas, from January 1915 to June 1919. He was a resident of Portland, Oregon for about six years. Before marriage, he became a Railway Mail Clerk. At one time, the mail was sorted on the trains.



Chester Chinneck.

Chester married Ellen Myrtle MacRae. They had three children, Chester MacRae (Mac), born July 23, 1926; Charles Glenn, born September 23, 1928; and Anne Irene (Chinneck) Watt, born November 17, 1929.

Chester's wife, Ellen (Nelle) Chinneck was born in Lancaster, Ontario on January 1, 1889. She was one of the first nurses to graduate from the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta in 1912. She served overseas as a Nursing Sister in the Canadian Army from December 1916 until her discharge in June 1919. She was a school nurse in the Edmonton school system for sometime before marriage. She died of cancer June 27, 1937. Chester retired, because of a heart attack on February 20, 1950.

Mac Chinneck married Shirley Miller in

Edmonton on December 27, 1950. They have three sons: Jed MacRae, a lawyer in London, Ontario; John William, a professor at Carleton University, Ottawa; and Peter Glenn, a free lance writer, in Ottawa and Victoria, B.C.

Charles Chinneck is a retired Petroleum Engineer and lives in Calgary, Alberta with his wife, Doreen. They have no children.

Anne Chinneck married Wally Watt of the Gibbons area on June 12, 1953. Wally passed away on June 13, 1990. There are four children; Cathryn Anne Watt, born August 10, 1954; Marcia Dianne (Watt) Mussbocher, born June 26, 1956; Gary William Watt, born September 16, 1957; and Lori Suzanne (Watt) Ostermager, born February 6, 1963. Anne is a graduate nurse from the same hospital as her mother, ie. The Royal Alexandra Hospital. She graduated in 1953.



Chester Chinneck family. Back: Chester, Mac. Front: Charlie, Ellen (Nelle), Anne (Watt).

Thomas and Jane's second son, William, became a dentist and had a practice in Edmonton for forty-six years. He married Elizabeth Helen Montgomery from Galt, Ontario. They had two sons and one daughter, William Montgomery Chinneck, Barbara Joanne (Chinneck) Leask and John Montgomery Chinneck, all born on June 15th, Bill in 1916, Barbara in 1920, and John in 1922.

Bill was a teacher and married Tillie Radke, also a teacher. They had no family. Bill passed away May 19, 1991.

John was a geologist and married Ruby Lochlin in 1956. Ruby was a widow with two small children, Beverly and Jim. He passed away in 1978.

Barbara married Ray Leask and lives in St. Catharines, Ontario. They have four daughters, Dr. Barbara (Leask) Wynne; Suzanne (Leask) McGuire; Sally (Leask) Salter; and Martha (Leask) Hoff.

Jessie Chinneck (Thomas' daughter) was a school nurse in Edmonton for many years. She served overseas during the first World War as a Nursing Sister. She passed away in 1968.

Charles, the youngest son lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was married, but passed away at a young age.

THE GEORGE COOKSON SR. FAMILY **by Lloyd Cookson**

John W. Cookson came to Canada from England in 1891 followed by his brother, George, in 1892. In 1893 their parents, George Cookson Sr. and wife Louisa, brothers Tom and Edmund and sisters Annie and Ada, came. Jessie Porter came with them. She became Mrs. J. W. Cookson. Annie married Matthew McCauley. George married Winnifred Whillans. Edmund married Isabella Ingram (Isaac Ingram family). Tom and Ada enlisted in the army in World War I. Tom returned after the war with a war bride, Mabel Taylor. Ada never married. After her return from the war she moved to San Francisco where she followed her profession and career as a nurse.



Entrance to George Cookson farm 2 1/4 miles south of Tofield on the "Mine" road.

COOKSON, George and Winnifred

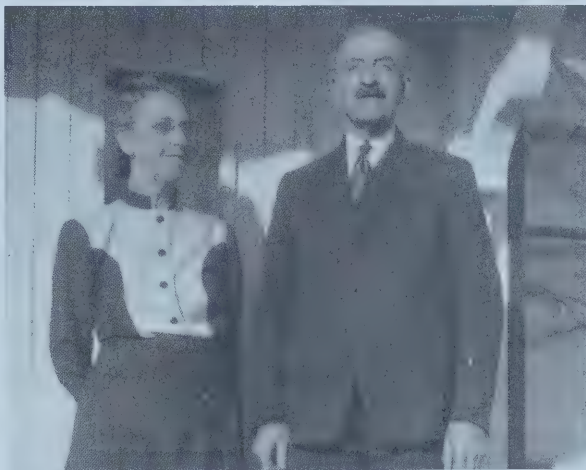
George Cookson's parents came to Canada in 1893, in bitterly cold weather. They originated in Lancaster, England and had six sons and two daughters. One son died in infancy.

George Junior was born in Manchester, England on April 9, 1869. He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1893 and took up farming south of Tofield, Alberta. He purchased the E 1/2-23-50-19-W4 which was originally C.P.R. Company land.

Ellen Winnifred Whillans, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Robert Whillans, was born on June 1, 1879, near Ottawa, Ontario. She came west with her parents.

George and Winnifred were married on June 27, 1905. They had four children: John, Arthur, Edna and Helen. Edna passed away at eight years of age from spinal meningitis. See separate histories for John, Arthur and Helen.

George passed away November 13, 1952 and Winnifred on December 5, 1960.



George and Winnifred Cookson on the front step of their Tofield home.

THE JOHN (Jack) AND ELNAH COOKSON FAMILY

(by Gary Cookson)

John (Jack) Herbert Cookson was the oldest child of George and Winnifred Cookson. He was born January 6, 1908 in Tofield, Alberta. John had one brother, Arthur and two sisters, Edna and Helen. Edna was born in Tofield May 17, 1906 and died at the age of eight years on July 20, 1914. Helen married Arthur Lampitt.

John spent the first twenty-two years of his life living on the family farm which was located just a few miles south of Tofield. Upon leaving the family farm he moved to Edmonton where he spent the rest of his life.

John received his early education in the Tofield area, which was followed by training at the Olds

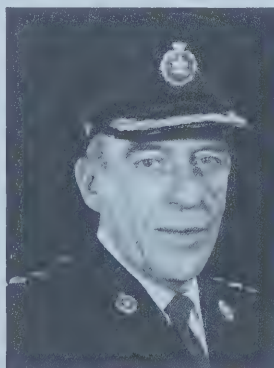


Jack and Elnah Cookson.

School of Agriculture. He received post secondary training, at the R.C.M.P. College in Regina and at Northwestern University in the U.S.A., in connection with his work in law enforcement. He began a career in law enforcement with the Edmonton Police Service in 1933. His career spanned forty-two years and at the time of his retirement in 1975 he was Deputy Chief.

John was a long time member of Central United Church where he served as an elder and in other capacities for a number of years. He believed strongly in the involvement of parents in

Deputy Chief Jack Cookson, Edmonton City Police.



the education system. He served a term as the President of the McDougal Home and School Association. He also served as President of the Edmonton Police Association. As well, he was active in the administration of the Summer Village of Point Alison, where he served a term as Deputy Mayor.

John maintained a keen interest in spectator sports, especially football (Edmonton Eskimos) and hockey (Edmonton Flyers and Oilers). He was an active golfer and curler. He enjoyed considerable success at the Provincial level in Police Association curling playdowns.

COOKSON, Arthur G.

(by Arthur Cookson)

Arthur, second son of George Cookson, was born August 5, 1909. He was raised on the family farm, two miles south of Tofield. Restless with farm life and seeing little future prospects in this area, he struck out on his own after leaving high school. His first job was with the Hudson's Bay Company as a steward on the S.S. Distributor, plying the Mackenzie during the summer months from Fort Smith to the Arctic. He then went to Vancouver and in much the same capacity worked the tourist ship SS Prince Henry, sailing between that port and Skagway, Alaska. Later he was with the American Can Company in Vancouver.

Constable Arthur Cookson.



June 3, 1931, he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Edmonton. Following recruit training in Regina, Saskatchewan, he served on various detachments in that province and as a detective with the Criminal Investigation Branch in North Battleford, Swift Current and Regina. He graduated from the Canadian Police College, Ottawa, in 1940. From then through 1953, he lectured on criminal law and evidence in the R.C.M.P. Training Academy and the Canadian

Police College. He was awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by the American School of Law, in December, 1953. He retired from the R.C.M.P. in January, 1954 after accepting the appointment as Chief of Police, Regina, effective February 1, 1954. He chose to retire from the police service December 31, 1971. He later moved to Calgary, Alberta, where he still resides with wife Gladys in contented retirement.

While in the police service, Arthur was awarded the Queens Coronation medal, the Centennial and Jubilee medals, the RCMP long service medals and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police service medal.

Daughter, Penny Lynn, is happily married to a successful practicing lawyer and author, Mr. Brian A. Grosman, Q.C. They live in Toronto.

DALEN, Borghild (Kristiansen) 1885-1967 (by Alice Low and Eric Dalen)

Borghild was born in Lillehammer, Norway on May 28, 1885. As a teenager in 1900, she was given the opportunity to sail to China and Japan on a Norwegian merchant ship with the family of Captain Myrrhe. She had the very active position of nursemaid to the Captain's two year old son. In those days the trip, which took weeks on the open seas, was a fascination for a life-time and Borghild was a keen observer of all she witnessed. She, in turn, was a veritable curiosity to the Chinese, wherever they went, with her long golden hair, a sight not often seen by them at that time in history. It was nearly two years until she was home again in her beloved Lillehammer, which she often declared to be the most beautiful place on earth.



Borghild (Kristiansen) Dalen.

Then in 1907 she embarked on the next adventure to Canada, which would be her life-long home. She arrived in Wetaskiwin in the middle of winter, where she was met and brought to her Aunt Jensen's home in Bardo. A cousin, Sophie Emerslund, was with her at the time. Borghild was

in attendance at her sister Marie's wedding in Ryley when she married Andrew Finseth. The three Jensen sisters, Clara, Agnes and Hannah were there as well.

Borghild and her cousin, Sophie, then moved on to Edmonton to obtain work as "live-in" maids at various homes in the city. Borghild attended Central Lutheran Church where she met Knut Johansen Dalen, a brick layer at the Little Brick Works on the Edmonton flats. Knut was born in Ringebu in 1880 in the beautiful Gudbrandsdal Valley close to Lillehammer. They were married in 1911. When their first son, Eric, was a year old they made a return trip to Norway where they spent a year.

On their return to Edmonton their family grew, with Jens in 1916, Alice in 1918, Norman in 1921 and Kenneth in 1925.

In 1935 the family moved to Grande Prairie to take over the brick yard there. It was "depression" days and Borghild, being a gentle soul, found the long cold winters with few conveniences, trying, to begin with, tho' she loved the summer in her flower and vegetable garden, with the beauty of nature all around. She became a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church when it was built in Grande Prairie and made many friends there.

Borghild loved music and was so proud of her sons who took an active part in bands and orchestras in the early days.

Jacob and Verena Dunki as told to Mary Finseth by Verena Dunki

Jacob was born at Rorbas, Switzerland on September 9, 1905. He received his education in Rorbas up to Grade 10. Then he took an apprenticeship to be a Molder and continued in this work until he had the desire to come to Canada. At that time, in Switzerland, there was a great deal of advertising for people to go to Canada. So Jacob and a friend decided to come to this new land, known as "a land of plenty".

Jacob arrived in Tofield on March 23, 1927. He came to the Voegtlin family and worked for Joe and Albert. Later he worked for Jake and Ida King. Ida had trouble with two Jakes in the same household so she decided Jacob Dunki should be called Jim. As a result, he was known as Jim Dunki for the rest of his life except for legal matters.

Verena Phillip was born at Untervaz, Switzerland on June 18, 1906. She was the youngest of a family of three boys and two girls.

Her mother died when she was only seven years old so her sister, Regina, was in charge of caring for her. She finished her high school and took two years of College. After six months of special training she went to work in a mental hospital and worked there for four years.

In the meantime, one of her older brothers had gone to Canada and had worked at Boettger's for eight years. Also, her sister's fiance had gone to Canada and worked in this area. When Regina decided to come to Canada, Verena and her Dad, Steven, who was 72 years old, came with her. They arrived in Tofield June 7, 1928. Lydia Boettger and Grandpa Wideman met them in a terrific rain storm.

Regina and Walter Heiter were married two months after she arrived in Tofield. They went to live on a farm in the Busby area and took their Dad with them.

Verena went to work for Mary Ann and Lee Roth for ten dollars a month for the summer and fall. In the winter she worked for Joe Sutton for \$25.00 a month. In the spring she went back to Roths, which had become home to her in this new strange country.

Jim and Verena met at the Salem Mennonite Church. They both attended there as young people, going with the people they worked for, during that time. Their friendship blossomed into romance and they were married January 15, 1929 in Edmonton.

After their wedding, they moved to a farm at Barrhead and were there two years. Their crops froze both falls so they decided to move back to Edmonton. Here Jim was able to secure work in the Foundry on 95th street. Because of the drastic temperature change from inside the Foundry to the outside air, Jim developed throat and lung problems. Dr. Miller advised him to quit working in those conditions and move to the country. So again, they came back to Mary Ann and Lee Roth. While Nora Stauffer went on a trip that winter, Jim did chores for her and Verena took care of Harry and Verda.

In April they went to work for Mohlers on their farm at Round Hill. Mrs. Mohler would come for Verena every Saturday night to take her to Camrose for Church and bring her back on Sunday. They continued here for two years at \$45.00 a month. When Mr. Mohler decided he was paying too much and was going to lower the wage, they quit.

Then Jim went to work at the Tofield Coal Mine for Mr. Gallinger. His wages were \$65.00 a month plus free house, coal, water and a big

garden patch. In the thirties that was a luxury. Jim drove horses, hauling coal from the mine to the railway cars which meant very heavy work.

Since Jim arrived in Canada his dream was to have a piece of land to farm that he could call his own. By saving for ten years, they were able to buy the Wheeler farm NE 14-50-19-W4 in 1939 and moved there in 1941. Now they were into mixed farming but in order to make ends meet, Jim did carpenter work at various places to help supplement their income.

While living at the mine, Jim and Verena had three children; Glen, Isabelle and Bill. They started school at Ingram, riding horseback over two miles in all kinds of weather. When Ingram closed, they were bussed to Tofield and finished their High School there.



The Jim Dunki family. Bill, Jim, Verena, Isabelle, Glen.

Glen apprenticed as an electrician under Hans Christenson. He worked at the Courthouse in Edmonton as head electrician and is now manager at the Remand Centre. He met and married Jean Freebury, Dr. Freebury's niece, when she came to nurse at the Tofield Hospital. They have three children: Susan, Margo and Jim.

Isabelle started working at the Bank of Montreal in Tofield as soon as she finished High School. Later she went to Edmonton and has worked at the Royal Bank on Jasper Avenue for 25 years where she is the Loans Manager. She is married to Ed Heisler. They have two girls; Debbie and Donna.

Bill went to the University of Alberta and then to Saskatoon where he took his veterinary training. After graduation, he opened his own business "Silver Springs Small Animal Hospital Limited" in Calgary and continues to work there. He married Maria Manning. They have two children; Meredith and Qwinn.

Jim and Verena continued living on the farm and enjoyed retirement until Jim passed away in 1985. Their children continue to farm the land so it is still in the family.



Verena and Jim Dunki – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, 1979.

James and Mary Easton

as told to Donald Schmidt by Ina – Mrs. Jim Easton

James and Mary Easton left Scotland about 1906 and came to Winnipeg, Manitoba. Their daughter, Marie, was born while they lived there.

The next move was to Tofield, Alberta where James was employed at the coal mine. While they lived in Tofield, four boys joined the family; James, Jr., Andrew, Harry and David.

Being true pioneers, they moved to a homestead in the Woodlawn District. They later moved to Bardo and lived on the T.G. Chinneck Homestead SE1/4-2-50-19-W4, presently owned by Garry and Anne Wiens. Some of the children attended school at Anderson (Bardo) School. James, Jr. dearly remembered having Mrs. Magda Hendrickson as his teacher.

While living in Bardo, James Sr. was killed in

a well-drilling accident. He left a very young family. Mother Mary then moved her family to a big house in Camrose. In so doing, she boarded Normalites and was able to raise the family.

As of now in 1992, the only surviving member is Marie, Mrs. Pether. She lives with her son, Donald, and his family in Dundas, Ontario.

The Easton grandchildren and great-grandchildren can be found scattered across Canada.

Halvor Eggen

Halvor Eggen was born in 1864, the oldest of 4 children born to Peder and Karen Halvorsen Eggen of Bardu, Norway. Halvor's Dad, Peder, had given his property title as security for the Union of various businesses. Some years later, the Union's disbursements exceeded its assets and the creditors called in the securities. Economic conditions fell drastically. Like other guarantors, Peder Eggen's land was put up for sale. Son, Halvor Eggen raised a loan and purchased the Eggen farm. This provided funds for his father's guarantee and kept the farm in the family.

After Halvor purchased his parent's farm, he worked the land and operated a blacksmith business for 14 years. He was also a fine woodworker – building cabinets and furniture. It was becoming very hard to make a living and meet mortgage payments. So in 1903, Halvor Eggen and his wife, Ingeborg (nee Bangen) born in 1868, left Norway and emigrated to Alberta, Canada with their 5 children; Marie 13, Karen 9, Hildur 7, Peter 3 and Olfrid 1 year. Another girl, Sigrid was born to them in 1905 at Bardo, Alberta.

When the family arrived in Alberta they lived on the Finseth farm at Bardo. Here Halvor built a frame house for them to live in. He was the blacksmith, for people who came from far and wide.

In November 1904 he applied for his homestead NE 20-49-18-W4. Halvor received clear title to this on June 17, 1913. In 1906 he moved with his family from the Finseth farm to his homestead where he had moved his house. A kitchen and upstairs and a bedroom downstairs on the west side of the livingroom were built on later. He then bought another 80 acres -1/2-21-49-18-W4.

1908 saw the building of a frame barn with a shingled roof to replace the first log barn which had a sod roof. A well was dug beside the barn and it was covered with a shed. Inside this shed was the water tank where the animals could come to drink. The power windmill stood on the outside of this shed with a shaft from the windmill to a

pump jack that pumped the water. He also did water-witching around the area. These wells never failed.

Mr. Eggen served in the church as Deacon and as Sunday School Superintendent. Sunday School was held in alternating homes in the community. He organized the first Sunday School that was held in the Grand Forks School District. Sunday School picnics were sometimes held at the Eggen farm. The program was held in the hayloft. The Ladies Aid Bazaars were also held in the hayloft. Halvor was a musical man. He loved playing the guitar and singing tenor in the church choir. Halvor Eggen died in 1918.



Hildur Rude, Carrie Kvern, Olfrid Moen, Ingeborg Eggen.

Ingeborg Eggen, with the help of her family, had the responsibility of keeping the farm going after Halvor's death. Though she needed her girls at home, she would let them help neighbor women with their work or in times of sickness. She was very kind and generous. Ingeborg was very active in the Ladies Aid.

Her son, Peter, rented the land for awhile but when he moved to Grande Prairie, she continued to rent out the farm and lived in a small house there. In 1945, this small house was moved to Iver Moen's where she lived. Ingeborg Eggen died in January 1947.



Grandma Eggen, Mrs Jensen.

Individual histories will be appearing for the children of Halvor and Ingeborg Eggen. Marie married John A. Johnson, Karen married Hans Kvern, Hildur married Emil Rude, Peter married Matilda Roseth, Olfrid married Iver Moen, and Sigrid married Selmer Johnson.

Kvern, Hans and Karen (Carrie Eggen)

Karen, or Carrie Eggen was nine when she emigrated from Bardu, Norway to Alberta, together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Eggen. She had four sisters – Mary, Hildur, Olfrid, Sigrid, and one brother, Peter.



Hans and Carrie Kvern.

Carrie took organ lessons from Mrs. Dorothy Thimes (Barlow) and became an accomplished organist. She also had a very fine alto voice.

Carrie married Hans Kvern and moved to Preeceville, Saskatchewan. They farmed there until their passing. They had no children of their own but raised a foster son, Donald Berg. He had been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Berg and upon their deaths, went to live with Hans and Carrie. (See separate history)

PETER EGGEN FAMILY

(by Marion Eggen)

Peter was born January 29, 1900 in Bardu, Norway. He came to Canada when he was two years old. He was the only son with four sisters. They lived south of Tofield as he grew up and he helped his father on the farm for several years.

He met and married Matilda Roseth who was born in Edmore, North Dakota, February 16, 1906. They were married on December 27, 1927 in Camrose, Alberta. They moved to Grande Prairie in 1928 and lived there for nine years before moving back to the Tofield area. Peter worked on the Gasline in the summertime and in the coal mines in the winter. Later years he worked at the Tofield Hospital. Peter died in February 1975 and Matilda died in October 1985. They are both buried in the Bardo Cemetery south-east of Tofield. They had seven children.

Rita and Karl Bartman lived on a Ranch at Pollackville for many years. They sold in 1975 and



Peter and Matilda Eggen family. Matilda, Orville, Howard, Rita, Shirley, Peter holding Jimmie.

now live four miles north of Brooks. Alberta. Their children Gary, Dan, Sandy and Carol are all married.

Howard and Lorraine now live in Arbutus Ridge on Vancouver Island. Howard retired after many years with Shell Oil. Their children, all married, are Gary, Ron, Cheryl, Allison and Coreen.

Orville and Marion live in Edmonton. Orville has worked for Explosives Limited for many years and Marion still works at the Royal Alexandria Hospital Nurses Residence. Their children David and Heather are both married.

Shirley worked at the Tofield Hospital, married Al Cobb and moved to Ottawa. They have seven children.

Jim and Jackie transferred from Edmonton to Calgary and then to Vancouver. Jim has an administrative position with Canadian Airlines. They have two daughters, Leigh and Kim.

Herb is living in Edmonton, was married and has two daughters. Phyllis and her daughter Michelle live in Edmonton. Phyllis looks after handicapped foster children in her own home.

Martin Larsen Eide

by Rebecca Strilchuk

Martin was born in Foldalen, Norway, on January 26, 1868, and spent some years teaching school above the Arctic Circle, where he learned to speak a little Finnish, Laplander and Russian. I believe he travelled to the northern part of Russia during this time.

On September 4, 1889, he married Rebekka Johnson (born at Stierud, Norway on September 4, 1864). They lived for a time at Sydvaranger where five of their six children were born; Alma,



Martin Eide family in Norway. Lauritz, Martin, Alma, Rebekka, Johannes, Baby Clara.

Lauritz, Johannes, Clara and John George (later known as Joe).

When Rebekka's family started emigrating to North America, the Eide's decided to join them. They expected their children would have opportunities in North America which were not available in Norway. Martin and his eldest daughter, Alma, arrived at New York on July 4, 1900, and spent their first winter in America with John and Gertrude Anderson in Minnesota. In the spring of 1901 they arrived in Bardo, Alberta.

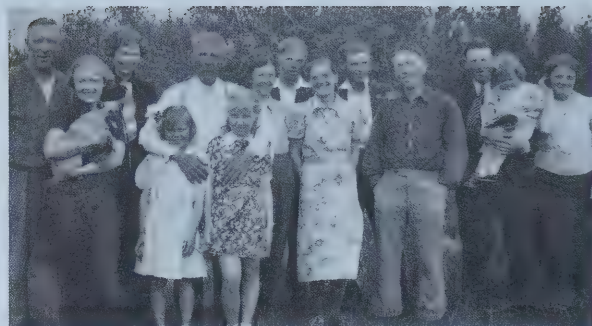
Martin had little or no experience in farming, but he took a homestead at SE1/4-18-49-19-W4. He hurriedly built a log house for his family who arrived in the fall of 1901. He had expected the quick growth of crops as had been his experience in Northern Norway but he soon learned that the Alberta growing season was very different. Their first crop of wheat, which had grown to the amazing height of six feet, was damaged by frost before they could harvest it. It was a big disappointment for them.



Reuben, Joe, and Clara Eide in front of log house, 1907.

Their sixth child, Reuben, was born in 1904, and their lives were busy getting their new home finished, helping relatives get started, and the hard work of clearing the land. Martin's concern turned to education of the children; consequently he became involved in establishing a school in the area and served on the Grand Forks School Board for a total of 35 years. He had always been interested in the academic and his spare time was always taken up with reading, both in English and Norwegian, and when he wasn't reading, he was writing poetry and letters. I remember the smell of ink and the sound of his scratchy straight pen to this day. Many couples received a poem from him on their wedding day, or the celebration of an anniversary. He contributed to Norwegian periodicals, both in Canada and Norway.

His interests were as far-ranging as astronomy,



Martin Eide Family Reunion, 1938.

Lauritz, Marguerite, Laura Ferrier, Martin with Rebecca and Maida, Louise, Milton, Emma, Clifford, Reuben, Nels Falkeid holding Margaret, and Mabel Falkeid.

wood carving, politics and world affairs. During the Second World War he listened daily to the news reports from the fronts where his six grandsons were serving. When the news came on the radio, everyone was silent. When Norway fell, the house was in mourning.

He attended Bardo Lutheran Church and was a member of the Sons of Norway. He was intensely supportive of any community activities, often walking miles to attend meetings and social occasions.

Rebekka was very musical and the Johnson sisters would sing duets to entertain the family. Unfortunately, she contracted tuberculosis and died in 1907. The family remembered her as a gentle, generous woman who insisted on sewing a dress for a neighbor's child as she battled her disease.

Martin, too, loved music. He sang around the house and the farm as he went about his chores. One of my memories is of a starlit evening in winter when the family went by sled to a church function, with everyone singing hymns, spirituals, old songs, new songs – me singing soprano, Mother in her rich alto and Dad and Grandpa harmonizing. A story is told about Martin driving his horses down the road singing "Marching Through Georgia" at the top of his voice as the horses browsed in the grasses at the side of the road, with Grandpa totally oblivious to the fact that they weren't making much progress.

As a family we did a lot of walking but I couldn't keep up with Grandpa. As we walked, he would point out the wild flowers or the stars and name the constellations. A coyote would howl in the distance and he would stop to listen. I believe he was a conservationist long before the word was invented. He loved nature and tried to preserve it.

Grandpa also provided lute-fisk for Christmas

feasting. He would go to town and bring back armloads of the dried slabs, prepare the brine, and carefully cure it. It was a treat that we looked forward to each year. During the time of Christmas we were fortunate to sample many meals of lute-fisk, turkey, mince pie, flatbread, lefse and all the other treats that made the season a Norwegian gourmet's delight.

Although Martin adjusted to the flat, open prairie, he always loved the mountains. In his later years he was able to visit with family in British Columbia and invariably came back refreshed from seeing those glorious Rockies once more. Although he would have loved to visit Norway, he was never able to make that trip. He died on December 18, 1942 at Kelsey, Alberta, while hauling grain to the elevator. He requested that a quartet sing one of his own compositions at his funeral. He is buried along with Rebekka, his daughter Clara, his son Reuben and his grandsons; Clifford and Eugene, in the Bardo Cemetery.

Alma, the oldest daughter, married Claude Nash. They had four sons; Danford, Everett, Erling and Arden and one daughter; Edith (Mrs. Wilho Pari) and lived most of their lives in the Kamloops area of B.C. Alma shared her father's interest in writing and astronomy.

Lauritz served overseas in the First World War where he was wounded in Russia with a gunshot wound in the back and frost bite which necessitated the amputation of a leg. He met his bride, Louise Ferrier, while in a Toronto hospital. They married and had two daughters; Marguerite (Mrs. Henry Simonson) and Maida (Mrs. Ed Grenier).

Johannes loved to play jokes on his sisters. When Halley's Comet was expected in 1909, he hung a bright piece of tin in a tree and when the moonlight shone on it, he called the family out to see the comet. He took a homestead in the Peace River District where he met and married Agnes Hagen. He farmed and operated a saw mill. They had four children; Morley, Doris (Mrs. Pete Fast), Arnold and Donald.

Clara married John Jevning of the Bardo district. They had two sons; Milton and Clifford who both served overseas in the Second World War, as did all four of the Nash boys. Some years after being widowed, Clara married Raymond Jensen of the Barrhead district.

John George (Joe) and his wife, Mattie, had one son, Joe, and lived at Notch Hill, B.C. where he worked in the mills. He played the violin and was also an insatiable reader.



Joe Eide, son of Martin Eide and Anna (Jevning) Woloschuk.

Nash, Claude and Alma (Eide)

Submitted by son Danford Nash

Alma Jenny Eide was born in Norway to Martin and Rebekka Eide. She immigrated to Bardo, North West Territories in 1901 with her father. The mother and the rest of the family arrived later.

Upon the death of Alma's mother she kept house for her father and raised the youngest son, Reuben. Alma later lived in Kingman and worked at a restaurant. Here she met Claude Murray Nash.



Claude and Alma (Eide) Nash.

Claude came from Iowa, USA in 1895 to Wetaskiwin, three years after the railway (Siding 16) went from Calgary to Edmonton. Claude settled at Nashville south of Gwynne, on a homestead. He later returned to Iowa and brought "settler's effects" back with him. His mother, step-father, brother and sister came as well and settled in the same area.

Claude Nash was a well-driller and masonary. He was drilling a well at Kingman with Lauritz Eide as his assistant at the time he met Alma.

Claude and Alma were married in Bardo and lived on the Martin Eide home place for a few years. Two sons, Everitt (b. 1914) and Danford (b. 1916) were born on the Eide farm.

The family moved to Camrose where Arden was born in 1918. The family later moved to Mount Ole (Littleford), B.C. Mr. Nash took eight horses along to use in logging and railroad construction. He ran a wheel-scraper, a dirt-moving machine.

Then, a year was spent at a logging camp where their daughter Edith was born.

The family then moved to Chase, B.C. in time for the family to start school. Erling was born at Chase.

In 1927 the family moved to Canoe, B.C. and in 1933 they moved to Notch Hill, B.C. They bought a farm at White Lake.

Claude and Alma are both buried at Notch Hill, B.C.



Back Row: Claude Nash, Olaf and Nora Anderson. Front Row: Bertha Marie Rude, Alma (Eide) Nash, Joanne Finseth. Taken at Notch Hill, B.C. in July, 1951.

Everitt and Cathrine (Kitty) Nash (as told to Iris Francis)

Everitt's parents, Claude and Alma Nash, found out about him September 19, 1914 when he made an appearance on his Grandfather Eide's homestead. He lived on his Grandfather's farm and in Camrose the first four years of his life. The family consisting of the parents, and three sons, Everitt, Danford and Arden moved to B.C.

Everitt's father, Claude, worked for the Adams River Lumber Company until 1927 when they moved to Canoe, B.C. where Everitt lived until August, 1930. He then came back to Bardo in time for the harvest and stayed until 1934 when he moved to LaGlace in the Peace River Country. He worked for several farmers and mainly for Ole Heglund until 1942.

Everitt enlisted in the artillery arm of the Canadian Army in 1942. Basic training was taken in Grande Prairie and advanced training in Brandon, Manitoba. He went to England in November of 1942 and after completion of training he was posted to the 2nd Royal Canadian Artillery, 7th Battery. In June they started for Sicily. Everitt was wounded in November 1945 and was back in England by April, 1946.

Everitt went to visit his sister-in-law, Lilly Nash in London, England where he met her sister, Cathrine Glover. Before she knew it, Cathrine was his wife. They were married on November 22, 1946.

In March, 1947, Everitt was shipped back to Canada and was discharged in Vancouver, B.C. with the intention of living in B.C. By July, Everitt knew he wasn't a logger or a mill worker; but he knew he wanted to farm instead. He returned to LaGlace, Alberta that summer where his family joined him.

Everitt took a homestead two miles north of LaGlace. Because the land was low and frosty the crops froze out year after year. During this time they tried to build up a herd of cattle.

In 1961 Everitt sold out because of sickness and they moved into LaGlace where he was caretaker at the school until May of 1965. Everitt and Kitty moved to B.C. and he worked at Babien Lake on the booming grounds and later worked for the Grand Isle Mining Company (a copper mine) running the ferry between the mainland and the island.

Everitt retired in 1980 and they returned to LaGlace, Alberta where his wife passed away in 1985.

Everitt and Kitty had a family of three children; Moira, (b.1939); Colin, (b.1941); and

Claudette, (b.1947). There are five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Everitt continues to live in LaGlace (1993). Everitt's quote – "I had Iris write this for me so you would think that I am educated".



Everitt and Cathrine Nash family. Standing: Julie and Dean Bekkstad, Dion Ophus. Sitting: Dale and Claudette Ophus, Cathrine, Everitt, Moira.



Kyle Bekkstad, fifth generation grandson of Martin Eide, great-grandson of Everitt and Cathrine Nash.

Nash, Danford and Rose by Danford Nash

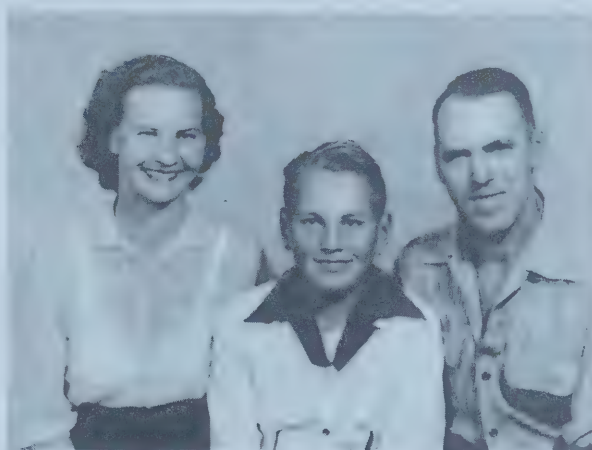
Danford was born on May 13, 1916 on the Eide farm at Bardo, Alberta where he lived until the family moved to Camrose.

The family made several moves before settling at Canoe, B.C. where the children attended school. After finishing school at Canoe and since there was no industry in that area during the hungry thirties, Danford worked on the Alberta prairie for a few years. He also worked at the west coast on tugboats.

Danford was in Toronto at the time that the war started in 1939. He returned to B.C. to join the B.C. Regiment but failed to pass the medical because of having had scarlet fever and rheumatic fever.

Danford married Rose Emily Rivers, daughter of one of the first settlers at White Lake in 1910.

She was born on October 1, 1916. After the marriage he was immediately called up and this time passed the medical in 1940 but obtained an exemption until 1941. He had to leave his wife and eight month old son, John Danford, to go into the Army. He was attached to the American 9th Task Force and went to the Aleutian Islands. Upon his return he joined the active army and was sent to France where he belonged to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He returned home in 1946 and received his discharge with the rank of Corporal.



Rose and Danford Nash, son John.

Danford bought 49 acres of lake front from Rose's father in 1946. They lived in a little cabin for the first few years. A lease of one acre of land on the lake front was given to Danford's parents where they lived until they died.

Danford was a millwright for sixteen years after which he started a business of building log houses. During this time he taught a log building course for the Okanagan College. After that seven years were spent at Look-out Towers for B.C. Forest Service. Danford retired in 1976.

Danford's wife, Rose, suffered a severe stroke



Danford Nash in his canoe carved out of an 18-foot log.

and passed away on February 21, 1993 after a lengthy illness.

Danford has several hobbies and has taken courses in tutoring, Sign Language, and plans on a computer course. He belongs to the Talent bank at the Senior's Centre where he writes a paper called, "Seniors Voice". Some of his hobbies are carving and painting.

Danford moved to Salmon Arm in 1990 and continues to live there (1993).

Their son, John, was born on July 24, 1941. He married a Philipino girl, Remi. They have two children, Christina Rose, (b. 1978) and Danford Martin, (b. 1985).

Arden Nash

Arden was born to parents, Claude and Alma Nash in Alberta on July 8, 1918. Two brothers, Danford and Everitt were also born in Alberta. The family later moved to B.C.

In 1935, Arden joined the Relief Camp workers' strike in Vancouver, B.C. as a sympathizer and participated in the "On to Ottawa" trek that ended in a big riot in Regina.

In 1937 he went to Spain and fought with the MacKenzie Papreau Battalion, 15th Brigade, 35th Division of the International Brigades and was repatriated in 1939.

Arden joined the Canadian Army in 1941 and was immediately made a Corporal Instructor in basic training for some months in Grande Prairie. When he left there, he went to the Royal Canadian Engineers and after engineer training which included mechanics, he went to the #1 Railway Workshop Company. He hardly saw the Canadian Army after that. He was in the 21st Army Group. Arden was in Britain, Belgium and Holland.

Upon arriving home Arden worked in the lumber industry operating heavy machinery, shovels, dragline, backhoe, etc. but most of the time as a planer man and millwright.

Arden was awarded a citation for bravery for saving a wounded man while in Spain.

Arden married Alice Gertrude (Lewis). She is now in the Overlander Extended Care Hospital in Kamloops, B.C. They did not have a family.

Erling Nash

Erling was born in Chase, B.C. on the sixth of August, 1924, the fifth child of Claude and Alma Nash. Alma was the oldest child of Martin and Rebekka Eide, who homesteaded in the Bardo district, along with the other Norwegian settlers, early in the century.

Claude and Alma moved to B.C. about the year 1919 or 1920 and Erling was the second of their children to be born in B.C. His three older brothers were born in Alberta and his sister, Edith was born in B.C. in 1921.

Erling joined the Canadian Army on the fifth of May, 1942, three months prior to his eighteenth birthday. He accomplished this with what is known in some circles as a little white lie. It was only three months from being true.

He joined the Army in Kamloops, B.C. and received the number K45905 as his Regimental Number. He took his basic training in Brandon, Manitoba in a Royal Canadian Artillery training camp. He was sent to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario for a year with a group of underagers because they were not old enough to be drafted overseas. They reached England in September, 1943 as anti-aircraft gunners.

In the spring of 1944, Erling and his friends were all transferred into the Anti-tank regiment and sent to different places. Erling landed in Italy on the first of April and eventually went to the 1st Anti-tank regiment of the First Division just at the tail end of the Monte Casino battle. Later on he transferred to the Second Field Regiment and spent the rest of his army service with them until he was wounded in Europe and lost the sight of one of his eyes. This finished his army career in March of 1945 and he arrived back in Canada just before his twenty-first birthday. He was discharged on September 11, 1945.

Erling married Jean Ashley on December 2, 1991 in B.C.



Wedding of Erling Nash and Jean Ashley, 1991. Reverend Arthur Dobbson, Erling, Jean, Danford Nash.

Lauritz Eide

The “BARDU BYGDEBOK, Bind II” presents the information that Martin Larsen Eide, and his eldest daughter Alma, left Norway in June, 1900, and went to Crookston, Minnesota. His wife, Rebekka, together with four more children, including my father, Lauritz, came out to Wetaskiwin, in July of 1901. From thence they arrived in Bardo, where my grandfather established a farm.

My father was 10 years old when he came to Bardo, and I am sorry to say, I know nothing of those early years, beyond the fact that he was confirmed on December 9, 1906. I have the confirmation certificate, signed by Pastor T. T. Carlson, with his official seal attached.

My father, Lauritz, played a very active part in World War 1, and had some horror stories to relate of life in the trenches at the Somme and

Vimy with the mud and the rats. Dad’s Active Service Pay Book says that he passed 1st class in training for “Musketry, Bombing, Bayonet, Gas and Wiring”, with qualifications as a “Rifle Bomber” and “Lewis Gunner”, and he told stories of his duties as a “sniper”. Lauritz volunteered to go to Russia in 1918, with the Northern Russia Expeditionary Force, a Canadian Mobile Force. His group was known as “The Malamutes”, and he was then C.S.M. Sergeant. It was there that he lost his left leg below the knee, and all the toes on his right foot. While in hospital there, they were still under attack, and Dad told us that all the doctors and nurses went around with revolvers in gun belts strapped to the waist, and every soldier patient lay with a rifle under his bed.

As an invalid, Lauritz was sent home to Christie Street Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. After he was fitted with an artificial limb, he obtained a position with Wellinger and Dunne, Leather Goods. He was their pattern maker for all the sports equipment they produced. The grandson who is his name-sake is the proud possessor of a baseball glove made from one of his grandpa’s patterns.



Lauritz Eide on the right. Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, Ontario – 1920.



Lauritz and Louise Eide – June, 1921.

Lauritz married Edith Louise (Lou) Ferrier, on June 16, 1921. They had two daughters – Marguerite (1922) and Maida (1928).

Dad did not get home to Bardo until 1938, when we all came on an extended vacation, and had a wonderful time visiting with many relatives and friends in the Bardo and Grande Prairie districts.

As an aftereffect of his months in the trenches, Dad developed a real hatred and fear of all rodents. I can remember my mother running around in the garage with a broom, chasing (and killing) a rat, so that my father would not see it. And the time someone spotted a mouse in the house (despite his artificial limb) that Dad displayed great athletic ability when he shot up, to sit on top of the kitchen table!

Dad was terribly “night blind” – an Eide trait. Because he had no toes with which to feel his way on a dark night over uneven ground, he was absolutely helpless. Dad never did want sympathy in regard to his disabilities, and I can remember one occasion where he did not get much either. We were staying at a cottage, and had walked over, half a dozen cottages away, to attend a “marshmallow roast”. It was daylight when we went, and pitch dark when it was time to return. And we had no flashlight! Instead of offering to drive Dad back to our cottage, the men lined up several cars, head lights on, so Dad could see to walk home! That was the type of humour that Dad appreciated.

Mother died May 27, 1957. Dad had a rather bitter comment, as we drove to the funeral. “This is some way to celebrate a birthday!” In that house of sadness, we had not realized – Mother was buried on Dad’s birthday – May 29th.

Dad “died in harness” so to speak. He was walking up the street from his work place to catch the street car home when he had a heart attack. He died before help could be summoned. The date was January 6, 1959.

Maida married Ed Grenier on December 4, 1965. They lived in Toronto until after their retirement. They now reside in Campbellton, New Brunswick. They have no children.

Marguerite married Henry Peter Simonson, August 7, 1945. Henry is the son of Henry Peter and Petra Simonson. Petra Simonson lived in Kingman, and had come over to this country from Bardu, Norway on the same ship as my father. When her son Henry joined the R.C.A.F. in 1942, and was stationed for a time in Toronto, Petra asked him to “look up my old friend Lauritz

Eide”. Henry did that, and my father was very pleased indeed to hear all the news from the Bardo district. Henry was sent overseas, and we were married on his return. We now live in Edmonton. Marguerite and Henry Simonson have four children:

Lauritz Percy, was born in Mountain Park (1946). Laurie married Gayle Rutherford of Winnipeg in 1971. They have two daughters – Karen (1978) and Patricia (1979). They all reside in Edmonton.

Simon Eric, was born in Edmonton (1949). He is called “Rick”. He is not married, and presently teaches school in High Level, Alberta.

Wendy Lee, was born in Edmonton (1952). Wendy married Richard Kneller of Leduc in 1981. Richard died in June, 1988, and their daughter, Anne, was born a month later – July 21. Wendy and Anne live in Leduc.

Holly Louise, was born in Edmonton (1960). Holly married Ricky Morawski in 1984. They have two sons – Byron (1986) and Steven (1988). They live on a farm three miles east of Leduc.

Reuben and Emma Eide

by Rebecca (Eide) Strilchuk

Reuben lived most of his life on the family homestead. He attended Grand Forks School. He married Emma Anderson in 1927. They had a daughter (Rebecca) and a son (Eugene) who died in infancy. Emma and Reuben were exceptionally fond of music; Emma sang contralto and played the piano or organ by ear, Reuben sang bass and some of his happiest memories were of belonging to the Bardo Male Chorus. In 1940 they made a memorable trip to the Grande Prairie district during one of the wettest summers in memory.

Emma was born August 26, 1905, the fourth child born to Harold and Emma (Jevning) Hanson. Her mother died shortly after her birth and Marit Anderson wrapped the tiny baby in cotton wool, fed her with an eye dropper and kept her alive. Despite the odds against survival, she steadily gained weight and strength and became the youngest daughter of P.B. and Marit Anderson.

She attended the Anderson School and took part in the community activities, singing in the choir and participating in the Young Peoples’ Society and church activities.

On June 9th, 1927, she married Reuben and spent most of her married life on the Eide homestead, where she tenderly cultivated house plants and cooked marvellous meals with the



Reuben and Emma Eide – June 9, 1927.

simple ingredients available at that time. I remember picking raspberries and saskatoons to preserve for the winter, along with rhubarb, peaches and pears, painstakingly canned during the hottest days of summer, over a hot coal and wood stove. She admired the rows of Mason jars on the basement shelves, full of pickles, jams, jellies and fruit. Sometimes beef and chicken were canned and enjoyed on sandwiches, or heated in a cream sauce during the cold days of winter.

On hot summer evenings we would have a supper of tet milk (a similarity to yogurt) and thick slices of home-baked bread, usually with a little cold meat and fruit for dessert. In the winter a large pot of soup would simmer on the back burner of that old stove, to be enjoyed with dumplings and baking powder biscuits or homemade bread, on a cold winter's night.

Our family also enjoyed a "sweet soup" made with dried prunes, apricots, raisins, tapioca, sugar and a little vinegar. It was eaten hot as a soup or cold as a dessert.

The Eides were sociable people who often invited family and friends for Sunday dinner. The preparations would have been made on Saturday; bread baked, butter churned, vegetables gathered,

and perhaps a chicken plucked and cleaned. The adults ate first and the children waited patiently for the second setting of the table. We played games and had great fun while the adults talked about everything from religion to politics and the "Old Country". Many of the children didn't understand Norwegian so when the topic was something we weren't supposed to hear, our parents would switch to Norwegian. Unfortunately for them, many of us understood enough to act as translators!

Because of Emma's poor health, they decided to move to New Westminster, B.C. in the summer of 1936. Reuben worked on the docks and brought home fresh salmon for 5 cents a pound. It became the staple protein in their diets. They lived on River Road where the neighbors were all fishermen; some Norwegian, but mostly Japanese. Rebecca was the only non-Oriental in the second grade of the Annievile School and still cherishes her memories of those hard-working, gentle people.



Reuben, Emma, Rebecca, 1942.

Emma spent many years in hospital suffering from tuberculosis. She passed away in 1948 after extensive surgery.

Reuben continued to live on the farm for some years. He enjoyed travelling and one of his fondest memories was attending the Metropolitan Opera in New York, and a trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. He moved to Edmonton where he was employed by Golden Construction and, finally, by the North Glenora Community League. He died of cancer in 1964.

Dennis and Rebecca Strilchuk

by Rebecca (Eide) Strilchuk

Rebecca was born on January 1, 1929. She attended Grand Forks School for most of her elementary education. In 1945 she was enrolled in the Camrose Lutheran College where she was active in the choir, the Year Book, the basketball team and enjoyed the experience of dormitory living. One of the choir trips particularly remains in her memory. There were three concerts on this particular Sunday; the one in the afternoon in Viking. Due to an unusual amount of rain the unpaved roads were nearly impassable by late afternoon when the buses left Viking for Hay Lakes. Hours later they arrived, muddy and disheveled, to sing their demanding concert. Mr. Marken, the director, was able to finish it with that group of exhausted young singers, but it took a week for some of them to recuperate.

She graduated in 1948 with a Commercial Certificate and immediately was employed by Excelsior Life Insurance Company in Edmonton. Later she worked at the University of Alberta, where Dennis Strilchuk was studying Pharmacy. Dennis had also been a student at Camrose Lutheran College, graduating in 1947. They were married in 1951 after Dennis received his degree. They lived in Camrose for a year where Dennis worked at Johnstone's Drugs and finally, moved back to Edmonton. Eventually they bought their own store, Park Annex Pharmacy, on 118 Avenue, which they owned and operated for 20 years, closing it in 1975.

They have two children, Dennis Anthony and Terry Michael. Dennis is unmarried and has spent 19 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, serving with the United Nations in Israel and, at present, in Angola, Africa. He has also served in Germany and coast to coast in Canada.

Terry married a widow, Ann Copp, with two little girls, Patricia and Katrina, and they have a son, Michael.



Terry, Dennis, Dennis Jr., Rebecca Strilchuk.

Dennis and Rebecca have been very involved in their business and in farming. When Dennis' parents retired, Dennis bought the home farm, and has been actively involved in the farming operation since 1967. They are members of St. Francis Church, Edmonton where Dennis serves as acolyte and Rebecca is co-ordinator of adult education and the music ministries. She continued to participate in music for many years with the Edmonton Light Opera Society and the Symphony Chorus and various church choir activities.



Dennis and Rebecca with grandchildren, Michael, Katrina, and Patricia.

ERICKSEON, Mikal and Borghild

(by Bjarne and Laurel)

In the hope of achieving a better future, Bernt Mikal Erickson left his home and entire family in Norway to begin a new life in Canada. In 1924, with Jon Johnson, he traveled from the east coast of Canada to the west coast and settled at Vanderhoof, British Columbia. They worked in the logging industry for a short period of time before moving east to the Bardo, Alberta district.



Mikal Erickson, before coming to Canada.

Mikal, as he was known to his friends, worked on several different farms in the Bardo District. In 1928, after he had accumulated knowledge on the farming methods of this new country, Borghild joined him from Norway. They were married on November 7, of the same year at Ryley, Alberta.



Borghild Erickson.

Mikal was born in 1896 at Andørja, a small island off the northern coast of Norway. Borghild Nikolina Nilsen was born in 1902 at Andervag, another fishing community in northern Norway. Following their wedding, Borghild and Mikal lived on, and farmed the Haugseth farm (NW1/4-7-50-18-4) where their two sons, Olaf (1930) and Bjarne (1931), were born. They eventually moved to the Nordhus homestead, (NW1/4-18-50-18-4), which they purchased. This became their permanent home until retirement.

In 1947, their daughter, Linda, was born at the Royal Alexandra hospital in Edmonton.

Borghild returned to Norway with Linda in 1949 to visit with relatives that she hadn't seen for twenty-one years. Mikal went back to Norway in 1953 after twenty-nine years away from his homeland and family.

Mikal spent many enjoyable hours in his work shop working on woodworking projects. He built a replica of a fishing ship in the early 1930's which his grandson, Randy Erickson, now has.

Borghild was noted for her warm hospitality and great baking. One was never at her home without being served coffee and a Norwegian snack of one kind or another.

In 1967, Borghild and Mikal sold their farm to their son, Bjarne and his wife Thelma. Mikal and Borghild then moved to the Town of Tofield. It was unfortunate that Mikal enjoyed only one year of retirement before suffering from a heart attack. He passed away in May of 1968. His funeral was the first in the new Bardo Lutheran Church at Tofield which he had helped to build shortly before his death.

Borghild continued to live in their home in Tofield until poor health made it necessary for her to move to the Bethany Nursing Home in Camrose where she remained until her passing in October of 1978. Both Borghild and Mikal are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

ERICKSON, Olaf Morley

(by Olaf Erickson)

Olaf Morley Erickson was born on the old Haugseth farm on February 15, 1930. He went to school for three years at the Anderson School (Bardo) before continuing his education at Ingram School and then Tofield School. Following his graduation from Tofield School, Olaf went to the University of Alberta. He graduated in 1953 with a Civil Engineer Degree and worked for one year in Edmonton. In 1954 he moved to Niagra Falls, Ontario as there were better opportunities for engineers in Eastern Canada.



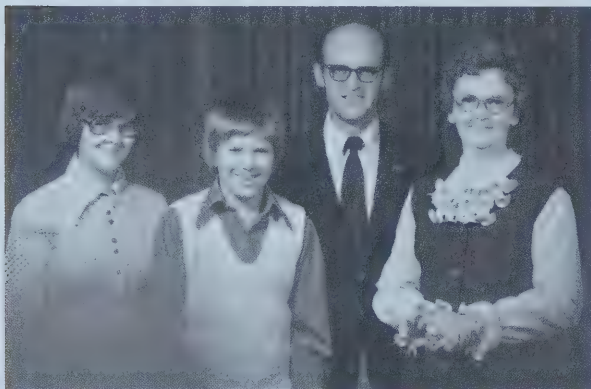
Olaf Erickson.

In 1961, Olaf married Janet Mack, from Lewiston, New York, where they continue to live and work. They enjoy traveling and golfing. They have two children, Kristen and Scott. Kristen is married and has one son.

Erickson, Bjarne Norman **(by Bjarne and daughter, Laurel)**

Bjarne Norman Erickson was born on July 12, 1931 on the old Haugseth farm. In 1939 his family moved to the Nordhus homestead and later purchased it. Bjarne went to the Anderson School (Bardo) for three years and then to the Ingram School. He graduated from the Vermilion School of Agriculture in 1952.

In 1952, while playing baseball with the Bardo ball team, he met Thelma Sorgaard from Grande Prairie. They kept up a courtship via the post office and were married on November 20, 1954.



Bjarne Erickson family. Laurel, Randy, Bjarne, Thelma.

Bjarne and Thelma lived on the Erickson farm from 1954 to 1958. In 1957 their daughter, Laurel, was born at Tofield. They spent a winter in Fort St. John after which Bjarne accepted a position with Alberta Gas Trunkline (NOVA) and they moved to Brooks, Alberta. Randy was born at Brooks in 1960. In 1961, they transferred to Edson, Alberta and in 1964, Bjarne and Thelma purchased the Anton Larson farm (W 1/2-13-50-19-4). This was the same land that Bjarne and his brother Olaf had harvested for Anton Larson when Anton had gone on a trip to Norway. They were just young teenagers at the time.

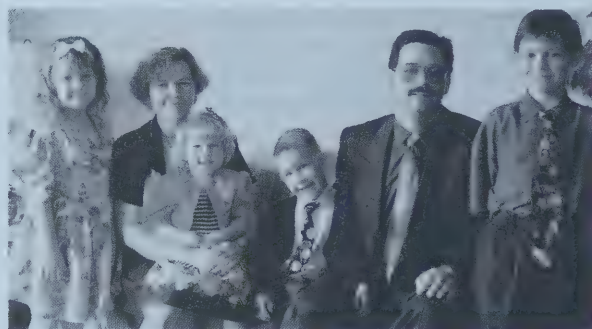
In 1967 Bjarne and Thelma purchased Bjarne's parents' farm (NW ¼-18-50-18-4) and moved back to the Bardo district. It is interesting to note that Bjarne owns the land (SE ¼-18-50-18-4) which was homesteaded by Thelma's great-great-grandfather, Jacob Boness Nordhus.

Bjarne and Thelma became very active members of the Tofield Curling Club and the Bardo Lutheran Church. Thelma was especially noted for her musical talents. One could always count on her being willing to play the piano or sing the harmony for any church performance. Many enjoyable sing-songs were held at the Erickson home.

Bjarne, Thelma, Laurel and Randy had the pleasure of taking a trip to Norway in 1974. They were able to visit many relatives on both sides of the family. This was especially eventful for Bjarne who had never before met a blood uncle, aunt or cousin.

After a lengthy battle with cancer, Thelma passed away on November 3, 1980 at the age of 50 years. She is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Bjarne continues to live and work on the farm. On April 24, 1987 he married Alberta Watt. They enjoy curling, travelling, attending hockey games, and their grandchildren.



Brianna, Laurel and Mireigh, Kiernan, Douglas and Teague LaMarche.

Laurel, Bjarne and Thelma's daughter, attended school at Tofield from Grade five to twelve. During those years, she was an active member at Bardo Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday School for several years and enjoyed singing for church services. Laurel attended Camrose Lutheran College for two years before completing her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta. She taught at Heisler, Alberta for one year and then moved to Viking, Alberta in 1980. In 1983, Laurel married Doug Lamarche, who was also teaching in Viking. During their time in Viking their family began to increase. Their son, Teague, was born in 1985. Later they moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta, where Doug teaches for the Medicine Hat Public School District. Doug and Laurel had three more children - Brianna (1986), Kiernan (1988) and Mireigh

(1989). Laurel is now kept busy being full time Mom and is enjoying every minute of it.

Thelma and Bjarne's son, Randy, completed his education at Tofield after which he began farming. He presently lives and works in the Town of Tofield. He continues to love the sports of golf and curling.



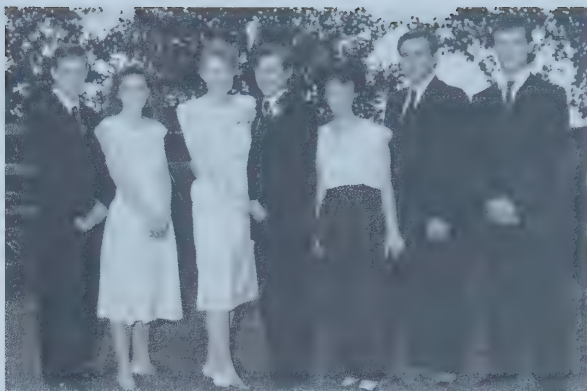
Bjarne and Alberta.

Linda Erickson Schmidt

I was born May 1st, 1947 to Borghild and Mikal Erickson. Having raised two teenage sons this caused quite a change to their lives. I arrived 2 months early weighing all of 3 pounds, 6 ounces.

As a child I spent a lot of time following my dad around the farm, and made endless conversation with my mom at the kitchen table. These early years were also the beginnings of knowing the importance of church, and faith in God. Regular trips across the road to visit Alice and Olaf Stokkan and their twins, were also part of my growing up years. Whenever my brother Bjarne, and his wife Thelma came home to visit, I was pretty excited to play with my niece and nephew Laurel and Randy. Trips to the airport to pick up my brother Olaf, and his wife Janet, and their children Kristen and Scott, who live in Lewiston, New York, were also highlights. The hard part was taking them back.

After High School, I went to Business College, and settled in Camrose working at The Booster. In due time I met my husband, Wayne Schmidt (from Kingman). We were married June 18, 1966. In 1969 we moved to Edmonton. We have 3 sons and 1 daughter – Neil (1968), Michael (1970), Marlis (1973), and Brent (1975). Our oldest son Neil is married, and he and his wife Tammy, have a baby girl Amanda(1990) and a son, Jesse Neil Wayne, born August 21, 1992. This makes me a "Bestemor".



Wayne and Linda Schmidt family. Neil and Tammy Schmidt's wedding, 1990. Brent, Marlis, Tammy and Neil, Linda and Wayne, Michael.

Our son, Michael married Chantel Whyte on December 5, 1992.

We lived in the Sherwood Park area until 1988, when we bought a farm near Ardrossan. That year my husband and I had our dreams come true – his was to buy our farm, and mine was to go to Norway. So, while Wayne and the boys spent the summer working on the farm, fixing everything from fences to an antique combine, our daughter and I went to Norway. We met my brother Olaf and his wife Janet, and travelled up to a small island, Andorja, where my parents were born. It was amazing being surrounded by so many relatives, and seeing the places my parents used to talk about. Marlis and I climbed the mountain behind my father's house, spent 3 days going up the coast of Norway, and boarded a speedboat for 6 hours to Murmansk, Russia for 1 day. Needless to say it was wonderful, relaxing, and beautiful, especially the Midnight Sun.

Presently, I'm working as a Teacher's Assistant with Strathcona County. I love photography, sports (racquetball), and any Norwegian handicrafts, including Rosemaling (painting) and learning Hardanger embroidery. Wayne runs our business, Catway Construction Repair Ltd. doing mechanical work. I do the secretarial part. We're busy trying to juggle our time between working and our farm. It gets pretty hectic, especially around calving season, and haying time, but we love it! We also seem to spend a lot of time in hockey rinks watching the boys play. And, of course, most important, taking time to play with our new grandchildren! As the years progress, I look forward to more babies (grandchildren of course) as I've always been happiest when they are around.

Ewert, Cornelius, Katherine and family

(by Anne Ewert)

Cornelius and Katherine Ewert emigrated from the Ukraine in 1925. They brought with them five children – Henry, Katie, Jake, Anne and Corny. They farmed near Naco, Alberta for a few years. While there, John and Abe were born.

Times were hard. Because of drought and hail, Mr. Ewert decided to find a better farming area. Henry was sent north with others to look for land. The group came to Tofield and Henry found a half section of land to rent south of Shonts.

In the spring of 1934, the Ewerts loaded all of their belongings into box cars and left for Shonts on a mixed train. John was only six years old but remembered quite clearly arriving at the Shonts station very early in the morning. The family and the box cars with all their possessions were dropped off on a siding. Henry was not with them and Mr. Ewert had no idea where the farm was. He walked to the closest farm for help and was taken to Dave Heidebrecht's farm. With Reverend Heidebrecht's help, they were taken to their new home.



Cornelius Ewert family, 1934. Back Row: Katie, Jake, Henry. Front Row: Anne, Mrs. Ewert, Abe, John, Mr. Ewert, Corny.

The younger children went to the Ingram School. John remembered herding cows along the railway right of way and playing with the Paulson boys who were their nearest neighbours. In the spring of 1940, the parents, with their four youngest children, moved to a farm north of Lindbrook.

Katie married Henry Huebert who operated the feed mill in Tofield for many years. Katie and some of their children still live in Tofield.

Henry married Annie Friesen. They farmed north of Tofield for a while and then farmed south

of Holden. Henry and Annie are deceased, but some of their children are living in the Holden area and some live in the Edmonton area.

Jake farmed in the Shonts and Tofield areas for a while, then moved to Ontario for employment. He is retired and lives in Welland, Ontario.

Anne married Matt Elliott who was employed in the oil drilling business. Anne is deceased. Matt and some of the family live in the Cowley area.

Corny, John and Abe moved to Ontario to find employment. Corny married Katy Schmidt. He is retired. They and some of their family live in the Niagra, Ontario area.

John married Anne Schmidt. They farmed in Ontario for a while, but John missed Alberta so he moved his family back in 1964. John died in May, 1993. His two boys, Tim and Mark are farming in the Ryley area. Anne is living on the farm.

Abe worked for a while in Ontario. Because of a car accident he lives in a Nursing Home in the Niagra area.

Roy and Muriel Findlay

by Roy Findlay

Roy was born and raised on a farm just southeast of Bardo and south of Ryley. The farm was owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Findlay. Roy has two sisters and one brother; Nora (Mrs. McArthur) of Niagara Falls, Ontario; H. Vernon of Sun City, West Arizona and Elizabeth (Mrs. William Davison) of Tofield, Alberta.

Roy obtained his education at a little country school, (Shaw School) and his High School at Ryley, Alberta. He later attended the Vermilion School of Agriculture and graduated in the spring of 1938. In the fall of 1938 he went to work for the Alberta Wheat Pool. He was transferred to the Peace River Area in 1941. It was there he joined the R.C.A.F. in June. Upon graduating as a pilot in Calgary he was posted to Dauphin, Manitoba as a flying instructor and later posted overseas as a transport pilot. On his return to Canada in June, 1946, and discharged as a F/L on July 8, 1946, he went back to work for the Alberta Wheat Pool at the Bardo Elevator on July 18, 1946.

In the spring of 1947 Roy married Muriel E. Henderson of South Edmonton, the youngest daughter of Charles and Catherine Henderson. The Hendersons owned and operated the Shady Nook Poultry Farm and Muriel was their sales lady at the Farmer's Market in downtown Edmonton selling eggs and dressed poultry for eight years.



F/L Roy Findlay, Overseas,
1945.



Muriel and Roy Findlay – May 7, 1947.

Muriel and Roy have two sons. David, an airline pilot, is married to the former Joan Dwyer of St. Johns, Newfoundland. They have one daughter and live in Georgetown, Ontario, close to the Toronto Airport, where they both work. Donald is a Dr. of Chiropractic. He is married to Donna Erven of Calgary. They have two sons and live in Springbank on the west side of Calgary. Donald has his office in Calgary.

Roy's work with the Alberta Wheat Pool has taken him to various points in the Province. In 1959 he was transferred to Head Office in Calgary from where he retired in the spring of 1980.

After retiring from the Alberta Wheat Pool,

Roy and Muriel took up travelling, Roy as a Tour Manager. They have travelled all over North America, mostly by bus. They also travelled to New Zealand and Australia where they spent a lot of time travelling by bus. They have now decided that it's time to take it easy and are fully retired, living in Calgary. However, they do spend a lot of time on the farm at Ryley where they can visit many of their old friends at Ryley, Tofield, and Bardo.

Finseth, Martin and Barbro

Peder Martin Pedersen Moen was born in Bardu, Norway. As a young boy he was loaned to his Aunt Serine who was married to Peder Pedersen Finnset in Sørreisa in Northern Norway. There he grew up, and as a young man his name Peder Martin disappeared from use. He became known only as Martin Finseth. Serine and Peder had no children, so Martin became the owner of Finnset gaard.

In 1871, Martin married Karen Iversdatter Finnset. They had two sons born in Norway – Peder and Andrew. In 1876 they immigrated to the U.S.A. and settled in Crookston, Minnesota along with other relatives and neighbors from Norway.

Here they had two more children – Alfreda and Iver. In 1884, Karen died and Martin was left alone with four small children to care for in those difficult times.

Martin married Barbro Anderson, third child of Bersvend and Marit, in 1885. She was born on September 18, 1855 in Norway. She thus became the stepmother to Martin's children. When Alma Persson's mother died they took her into their family as their foster daughter. There were three children born in their family – Marie (who died at 18 months), Bennie, and Monrad.

When the Finseths decided to move to Canada, Martin sent his daughter, Alfreda, to Lawrence, Washington to live with his sister, Ane Maleng. Alfreda married Emil Johnson and they had two adopted children – Rueben and Edna. Rueben died at a young age. Edna married Bob Burgess and had two sons – David and Robert.

Martin had a strong desire for adventure which was a characteristic common to many Norwegians. The negotiations of Martin with the Canadian government in 1892, resulted in the first four Norwegian emigrants from Crookston, Minnesota inspecting the Canadian Northwest in 1893. In May of 1894, the Finseth family was among a large contingent that left Crookston for the Beaver Hills area of Alberta. Martin filed on three quarter



The Martin Finseth family. Standing: Iver, Peder, Bennie, Alma, Andrew. Front: Martin, Monrad, Barbro.

sections of land for himself and two of his sons. His homestead was NE 36-49-19-W4.

Building a house for his family was his first task and it was not completed when they arrived. They lived with Barbro's brother, P.B. Anderson until they could move into the first log house. Two years later, a two-story log house was built, and although the windows had not been installed and there was only a dirt floor, the family moved into the new house in the fall of 1896. This house wasn't furnished in time for Monrad's arrival, so he was born in the first log house.

Martin's first log house was used by many residents who came from Norway and the United States until they could get their own homes built.

Martin decided to go into the storekeeping business in 1902. All the goods had to be freighted from the nearest railway points, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton. Peder and Andrew assisted in this venture. Much of the business of the store was transacted with muskrat skins as legal tender. The store was somewhat of a department store as they tried to supply the needs of the community. In

1903, the Post Office was moved to the store. It became a busy place, especially on mail days. The business went on the rocks in 1906, mainly because too much credit had been issued. Martin, however, did not view it as a failure. He felt a keen sense of satisfaction that the store had contributed to the progress of the settlement.

Martin and Barbro were extremely kind, friendly and hospitable people. Their home was a community centre and stopping place. Lodging was given to acquaintances and strangers alike. Although all pioneer homes were hospitable, Barbro probably entertained more guests than anyone else in the community. The coffee pot was always on. Baking and cleaning were never ending. At times, she required help as she and her daughter, Alma, could not cope with it all. All the same, Barbro enjoyed people in her home, including at times, the circuit judge, the Mounted Police from Duhamel, the school Inspector, visiting missionaries, evangelists, and speakers on various topics. She also boarded school teachers. Martin and Barbro both cared about people and

shared of their means, for example, they often had an extra family or two staying with them, or they would loan someone a milk cow. Martin was also known to give people money to buy groceries at the store when their credit ran out

. Martin was the first chairman of the Bardo Lutheran Congregation, organized on May 23, 1895 and was also a trustee of the first Anderson School Board, organized in 1897.

In addition to being a faithful member of the Ladies' Aid, Barbro helped to organize the Butter Society held at their place, and later in the Bardo Dairy Company. A house was built north of their store to be used for butter storage as well as an ice house.

In the very early days, Barbro had Sunday School in their house which still had a dirt floor. If folks were coming from a distance to have a baby baptized, they stayed the weekend with the Finseths. When the post office was moved to the Finseth store, it was like a beehive on mail days. People often brought their lunch. Coffee, apple cider and sometimes old fashioned lemonade were provided, and even tea, for the Scottish and English settlers.

Barbro was an avid reader who removed her glasses when reading. She read the Bible and would share a thought or two. She also read many books and newspapers. She was very knowledgeable on many topics. Upstairs one time, she picked up a book and became so engrossed that she sat down on Alma's bed. She hadn't noticed that under the blanket there were kittens huddled. On more than one occasion, she became preoccupied in reading after breakfast and would be at the kitchen table reading, dirty dishes still on the table, when the men came in for the noon meal.

She loved plants and had many lovely houseplants in the windows, and beautiful flowers growing outside. Tubers, bulbs and roots were ordered by mail from the coast or middle States. Sometimes Martin supported her flower adventures by bringing some home from his many travels.

In addition to these many qualities, Barbro, who had a very stern disposition but also a wonderful sense of humor, enjoyed sharing humorous incidents. "Tante Barbro", as she was called by many in the community, had the characteristic of patience. She was calm and generous in her treatment of others. When two teenagers broke a lovely china cup all she said was, "Ä, det er ikkje saa farlig", which means, "Oh, don't be upset, no harm done". She was liked by

the young people and they often held their gatherings there. The Finseth's gave a space in their pasture for a ball diamond, and also made a basketball court on their farm.

The Finseths played an important part in the development of the Bardo community. They were more concerned with helping and serving others than trying to accumulate worldly treasures. Although not rich in worldly goods, Barbro knew how to love, and enjoy the simple pleasures of her life, and to share the burdens of others. Relying on God, she went through it all with gentle dignity.



Grandma Finseth, 90 years old – September 18, 1945.
Monrad, Andrew, Bennie, Alma, Alfrida.

Martin passed away in 1928. Shortly before her death, Barbro returned to the homestead farm that she had loved, to be cared for by son, Monrad, and his wife, Alice. At the time of her passing in May, 1946, her hair was still jet black and her eyes had lost little of their beautiful deep brown lustre. She was a great lady, influencing to the good, the people whose lives she touched. Martin's contribution to the community as one of its founding members is immeasurable.

Martin and Barbro are laid to rest in the Bardo Cemetery.

Peder Finseth (1872 – 1904)

Peder was the oldest child in the Martin Finseth family. He was born in Norway and immigrated with his family to the United States in 1876. He moved to Canada in 1894, along with many others from Minnesota.

Peter Finseth, brother of Andrew, half-brother of Monrad and Bennie.



Peder was a certified teacher in the United States so he was asked to tutor at a private school held in Johannes Johnson's big log living room. He had twenty to twenty-five pupils, using textbooks from three states and only two primers (readers).

In 1897, Peder returned to the United States hoping the mild climate in California would improve his health. He spent some time in the mid-states doing social work and returned to Bardo in 1902 to assist his father in the store, doing much of the freighting. On one of his trips to Wetaskiwin he met Anne Haakstad who had just arrived from Norway and wanted a ride to Bardo. Peder made her as comfortable as possible in the wagon while he had a rather unsafe seat on the front of the load. When he noticed that she was shivering from the cold, he gave her his coat, although he was really in need of it himself. He was at that time a very sick man. Approaching a particularly bad place, he whipped up the team to get the necessary momentum to carry him across, but in the middle of the slough a wheel broke through the ice. This gave the wagon such a lurch that Peder was thrown off his perch and landed on his back on the frozen ground. He realized that if he then allowed his horses to stop, he would certainly be stuck and in a very bad predicament. He shouted to the horses, urging them on and he threw clods of frozen dirt at them while he was lying on the ground. When the load was safely across the bad place, he shouted to the horses to stop, got back on the load and resumed his journey. His passenger said she would never forget how brave and cheerful Peder was, in spite of his illness.

While in the States from 1897 to 1902, Peder became an ardent socialist. At the store and elsewhere he advocated the socialist doctrine. Although few ventured to oppose him, his arguments usually fell on deaf ears. His insistence

for the cause he championed made him unpopular in certain quarters.

Peder lived and worked for others. He would have been willing to sacrifice everything, even life itself to help his fellow man, which indeed he did. It was while on an errand of mercy in North Dakota that he contracted the dreaded disease of Tuberculosis which ended his days in November, 1904 at the young age of thirty-two. He is buried in the Bardo cemetery.

Finseth, Andrew (1875 - 1965)

Andrew was born in Norway and at the age of one year, he immigrated to the United States with his family. They travelled to Moorehead, Minnesota. Their destination lay sixty miles to the north, in the Crookston area. The Red River steamboat was not operating because of low water, so the men bought lumber and built a large raft with a small shelter. Loaded with people and baggage, they made their way along the winding river, encountering storms and sandbars, until they reached their destination. There they settled and farmed for many years while their children got an education.

In 1894, Andrew immigrated to Canada with his family. His father had homesteaded a quarter section of land for him, but after a few years, Andrew gave it up and went back to the United States. He returned to Canada in 1902 to help his father in his store in Bardo.

When the Post Office was moved to the Finseth Store, Andrew was appointed postmaster at the princely salary of \$30.00 - \$40.00 per year. Andrew also assisted his brothers with freighting for the store and had his share of problems. After having his heavy load of freight pulled out of a mudhole, he asked his benefactor what he owed him. Andrew was told to "Help the first one you meet who is in the same predicament. That will be my pay". Because Andrew travelled around a lot, he had many occasions to pay off that debt.

Since mail days brought great crowds of people to the Finseth's, various forms of entertainment were provided. One of the favourites was Andrew playing the coronet while John Thorsley walked the tight rope twenty feet off the ground.

In 1907, Andrew married Nanna Marie Kristianson of Lillehammer, Norway. She had come to Bardo with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen. They were married in the first Bardo School. They moved to Ryley, Alberta in 1908, where Andrew established a Real Estate business which he continued most of his life.



Andrew and Marie Finseth's wedding – January 3, 1907.

Andrew and Marie were charter members of Bethel Lutheran Church and Marie was a member of the Bethel Ladies' Aid. They were both active in Church work. Andrew, at different times, held such positions as secretary-treasurer, deacon, president, vice-president and organist. He was known for his regular trips out into the country to pick up children for Sunday School.

A short time after Marie and Andrew were married, Marie decided to sew a dress for her youngest sister in Norway. She purchased fabric, ribbons and lace in Tofield, sewed the garment, but on whom could she fit it so she could see how it would look and fit? Here is where Monrad, her young brother-in-law, was pressed into service. He had become the dress model. He must have been cut out for that purpose for the dress fit the young lady in Norway to perfection. Marie was also very talented in producing many crocheted and embroidered articles.

The Finseths at Ryley always welcomed into their home those of their countrymen arriving from the old country. They also provided meals for numerous transients.

Another of Andrew's many interests was politics. He was a founding member of the Social Credit Party in Alberta. He worked diligently to get Dr. J. L. McPherson elected to the Alberta Legislature in 1935, as a Social Credit member. It was also because of Andrew's persistence that the Treasury Branch was opened in Ryley when there was no bank there.



Cora (standing) and Juliet Finseth.



Martin Finseth.

Andrew and Marie had three children. Cora, born in 1908, died at thirteen years of age at the time of the diphtheria epidemic in 1921. Juliet was born in 1912, and has resided at the Mitchner Centre in Red Deer, Alberta, since 1922. Martin was born in 1916 and died in 1959. He married Joan Kortzman in 1954 and they had three children – Barry, Kevin and Karen.

Andrew continued to live in his original house in Ryley until the time of his passing in 1965. He continued to be active in Church and community affairs until ill health caused him to ease up. Andrew, Marie, Cora and Martin are all buried in the Ryley cemetery.

Finseth, Iver



Iver Finseth, Monrad's half brother. Enlisted in the 1918 War and was killed in action in France on January 31, 1918.

Iver was born in Minnesota and immigrated to Canada with his family in 1894. He returned to the States to further his education, after which he returned to Canada to assist his father in operating the store and with the hauling of freight. On one of his trips to Camrose he had two passengers, Mrs. H. Jensen and Mrs. Andrew

Finseth who were to meet a cousin who had just arrived from the old country. On the way, they had several delays, the worst of which was getting stuck in a slough. The ladies had to partly undress and wade to land. After the team and democrat were on the shore again, a bonfire helped to dry and warm the travellers before they could continue on their way. On the trip home Iver walked ahead of the team the whole way in order to prevent any more mishaps.

Iver was the first local man to own a gramophone. It drew such a large crowd at Marit Haugen and Thor Horte's wedding that it threatened to steal the interest rightfully belonging to the bride and groom. The machine had a recording device, and a quartette, including Iver, had a number "preserved". Iver had a great love for music. A favourite was "Cavalliera Rusticana" played on the violin by Gunder Brocke. Upon hearing a lady sing "Whispering Hope" at a concert, Iver remarked, "I have heard that music charms the savage, so I must be a savage". Iver served as chairman for the Young People's Society for several years.

In 1908, when Andrew moved to Ryley, Iver became post-master and continued until 1915,

FORM OF WILL.

Regimental Number _____
of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and I hereby declare this to be my last will.

I, Iver Finseth, do hereby bequeath my personal estate to Monrad Finseth, absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to Monrad Finseth.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 1918.

Signature of Soldier: Iver Finseth

Witnessed by Monrad Finseth and Charles L. Jensen, both of whom are of legal age and sound mind, and who are not related to the Soldier by blood or marriage.

Signature of Second Witness: Charles L. Jensen

Address of Witness: Camrose, Alberta

Occupation of Witness: Blacksmith

Form of Will – Iver Finseth.



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My dear Mr. Finseth—

Feb 5 1918

I regret very much indeed to have to inform you of the death of your son Pte. Iver Finseth on the night of January 31st. He was very badly gassed and died in the dressing station a few hours after. He was quite conscious to the last and I was able to talk with him & comfort him. ~~He~~ He was very brave and I assure you he was not at all afraid to die. One of the last things he asked me to do was to write and tell you and say goodbye for him. The poor boy died in my arms & I buried him on Monday morning in Suererie British Military Cemetery near Arras St. Nazaire and a nice cross will be erected over his poor being his name & sett. With sincere sympathy

Believe me
Yours Respectfully
Harold S. Jones
Chaplain.

Handwritten letter of sympathy to Mr. Martin Finseth on the death of Private Iver Finseth, who died on January 31, 1918 in France.

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Telegram reporting the death of Private Iver Finseth on January 31, 1918.

when a rural mail route was established from Tofield.

Iver became greatly interested in archeology, but did not have the opportunity to pursue his studies to any great extent. He was a man of peace and he enjoyed nothing better than to pore over some old book and try to fathom the mysteries of bygone days. But when his country called during World War I, he enlisted and gave his services and as it proved, his life, for the cause he championed. In January, 1918, Iver was gassed and succumbed a few days later. He is at rest in Sucrerie Cemetery, Ablain, St. Nazaier, France.

Finseth, Bennie and Myrtle

Bennie was the second youngest child of the Martin and Barbro Finseth family. He was born in Crookston, Minnesota and made the long trek to Canada at the age of two.

Bennie was too young to be involved in the operation of the Finseth store. However, he did

become the mail carrier from Tofield to the post office at the Finseth store from 1909 to 1915. Following this, he took a homestead at Buffalo Lakes in the Grande Prairie area. He returned to Bardo in 1920 and was part owner in the Big Five steam engine and threshing outfit. He owned NE-26-49-19-W4 after his brother Iver was killed in the war.

The Male Chorus held a great interest for Bennie. He was a faithful member for many years. His beautiful voice was a great addition to the chorus. He played the tenor horn in the first Bardo Band and later became an accomplished flutist. It was not unusual to hear beautiful music coming from the Finseth barn as Bennie and Monrad harmonized while milking the cows.

Because the Bardo Church burned just before brother Monrad's wedding, Bennie and Emil Rude went to Camrose to get the large tent used for the wedding.

Bennie remained a bachelor for many years,

living with his brother, Monrad, and family for some time. He was a favourite uncle and likely helped spoil the children. Someone was in his lap much of the time when he was in the house. Later, his "bachelor" house was a fun place for nieces and nephews to visit. His store-bought treats will always be a cherished memory. His nieces and nephews were always pleased when he stopped on his way from town and exchanged store-bought bread for homemade bread. They loved to watch him drink tea or coffee for his perfectly shaped finger formation – a perfect pinky!

Like his brothers, Bennie held an interest in politics. In this area his view differed greatly from his brother Andrew.

Myrtle Muir was born on December 22, 1914, the third child of Jack and Sarah Muir. She was born at Deville where her dad was section foreman for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Her dad originally came from Manitoba. He was in charge of laying the steel from Winnipeg, Manitoba through Wainwright, Alberta and Tofield in 1908 and on past Edmonton.



Bennie and Myrtle Finseth.

Myrtle's father died when she was only two and a half years old. Later, her mother married Miles Henry Barrow.

Myrtle and her daughter, Brenda, came to Bardo to work for Anne and Bennie Anderson. It was here she met Bennie Finseth and on December 22, 1948, they were married in the Anderson home.

They lived on Bennie's farm until 1957 when they moved to Camrose. Bennie worked as a boiler engineer on oil rigs. Myrtle cooked at Camrose Lutheran College.

In 1964, they sold their farm and moved to Edmonton. Myrtle became third cook at the University of Alberta in Lister Hall. She continued working there for ten years.

In their retirement years, they did some travelling and spent one winter in Australia.

Bennie passed away on October 28, 1976. He will be remembered for his caring nature, sense of humour and a handclasp that made you wince.

Myrtle continues to live in their home in Edmonton. Brenda married Melvin Pearson and they had three sons – Terry, Garth and Troy. Terry passed away on November 23, 1989.



Brenda and Melvin Pearson.

Finseth, Monrad and Alice

Carl Monrad was the youngest child of the Martin Finseth family and the only one born in Canada. He was born on September 3, 1896 in the first log house, as the new two-story log house was not completed in time for his arrival. They did move into it later that fall without windows, and with only dirt floors. Monrad's grandson, Doug, and wife, Judy, are presently living in the same log house (1992).

Monrad was fortunate to be able to attend high school at Ryley and to complete it in Lawrence, Washington. While attending school in Washington, he played on a championship basketball team. He played hockey on the Bardo team.

Music was a great love of Monrad's and he was an accomplished musician and an outstanding vocalist. He was a faithful and valuable member of the Bardo Male Chorus with his beautiful tenor voice. He played a horn in the Bardo band.

Monrad was drafted in the first World War and was stationed in England. At that time, he played the coronet and the trombone in the Second Brass Band. The war ended before he had to go to battle. While in England, he won a medal in a four mile race.

Alice Rude was born April 22, 1901, at Nielsville, Minnesota and came with her folks to Canada at the age of one year. Her parents, the C. J. Rudes had homesteaded four miles south of the Finseth homestead in the Grand Forks area.

Alice took her public school at Grand Forks and her high school in Tofield. After finishing her education, she clerked at the Hall and Haugen Store in Ryley and also at the Tofield Farmers Store.



Alice (Rude) and Monrad Finseth's wedding – June 15, 1921. The church was destroyed by lightning on June 8, 1921, so the wedding took place in a tent on the Finseth farm. The attendants were: Clarence Rude and Carrie Eggen; Emil Rude and Clara Fergus; Nora Rude and Albin Anderson; Magda Anderson and Bennie Finseth. Olfrid Eggen (pianist). Conrad Logerquist (soloist). Edna Johnson and Irene Rude (flower girls.)

Monrad and Alice were married on June 15, 1921 on the grounds of the Martin Finseth farm where a large tent had been erected for the occasion. The wedding was to have been in the Bardo Lutheran Church, but the church building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground on June 7, 1921. After a honeymoon at Lake Louise the newlyweds established their home on the Finseth farm.

When they took up residence in the log house, they removed the shanty lean-to's from the house which had been the store on the north side and living quarters on the west side. They also sided the house with vertical V joint boards, thus covering all signs of the original log house.

Monrad farmed with horses all his life and it seems he had his share of run-aways. In the summer, hay was put up in stacks on the Bird Sanctuary in the Spilstead area. Much hay was required for horses and cattle. In the winter he often left home at 6 A.M. to drive thirty-eight miles for a load of hay. Many times Clarence and Emil Rude, Hans Hillerud and Ingolf Brekkan accompanied him on these trips, as they too had hay to haul from the same area.

Monrad also became proficient at making cookie sheets from the grain pan of an old-fashioned threshing machine. These are still in use by the family. Another of his talents was witching for water. He was part owner of the Big Five Steam and Threshing Outfit. Without the modern facilities of today's homes, and often with limited supplies, Alice managed to feed large threshing crews. She remembered one hungry thresher, being first to the table, took almost all of the bacon, their only meat for the meal.

At other times of the year they were kept busy with butchering, canning and smoking meat, canning garden produce and wild berries. A lot of home baking was required – donuts and potato cakes were favourites. There were no freezers for storage. Most clothes were homesewn, often from garments ripped apart. Hauling and heating water was required before the hand laundry could be done.

While farming consumed much of their time and energy, Monrad and Alice gave much time in community service. The Finseth farm continued to be a gathering place. They were both very involved in church affairs, holding offices in the congregation and Ladies Aid, as well as being involved in Sunday School. The Finseth home was a popular coffee stop for friends and relatives on their way to or from Tofield, and much good fun

and laughter was the order of the day, even in the dirty thirties. Music was an important part of the family's life, whether it was around the organ or piano at home, choir singing and solos at church or community events. The church and sporting events received enthusiastic support and participation.



Monrad and Alice Finseth family. Back Row: Muriel, Malcolm, LeRoy. Front Row: Barbara, Monrad, Alice, Joanne.

Because of Monrad's interest and talent in music, he spent untold hours helping in the preparation for concerts and music festivals. He always had a word of encouragement. He has passed on his musical heritage to his whole family. Monrad inherited a desire for reading from his mother and was well read in numerous topics. This interest has also been passed on to many of his descendants. He also had a memory of untold knowledge. A sense of humour was another quality possessed by Monrad. He usually looked on the bright side of life in spite of hardships and problems.

Monrad was a kindly husband and father. Mornings meant building a fire in the cookstove, brewing coffee, and often taking a cup to his wife for her to enjoy before rising to meet the labours of the day. On Christmas Day, even the children got coffee and goodies in bed. That was luxury!

Christmas Eve was always spent at his in-laws' home. Even -40 degree weather didn't stop him from taking his family by horse and sleigh or "huskum hei" (a box set on the front bob of a bob-sleigh). Stones were often heated and wrapped in blankets to keep the family warm while travelling in this extremely cold weather.

Alice and Monrad retired, and moved to Edmonton in the late fifties. The family consists of Malcolm Adair, Muriel Clare, LeRoy Russel, Barbara Marie and Joanne Francis. The extended family will be described in their own histories. There are sixteen grandchildren and twenty four great-grandchildren. Five generations of Finseth's have now lived in the Bardo district with four generations being born in the area.

Monrad passed away on August 27, 1969, in his seventy-third year and is remembered as a loving husband who had a great sense of humour and the love of Christ in his heart.



Alice Finseth family, 1988. Back Row: LeRoy, Fred Lyseng, Ruth and Malcolm Finseth. Middle Row: Ed Hansen, Mary Finseth, Barbara Lyseng, Loren Monsen. Front Row: Joanne Hansen, Alice Finseth, Muriel Monsen.

Alice continued to live in Edmonton, enjoying her home, flowers and church activities. In April, 1988 she moved to the Tofield Long Term Care Centre where her brothers, Clarence and Emil were also residents. Alice passed away November 22, 1990, and is remembered for the deep love and concern she had for her family and friends. Her faith in Jesus was a witness to all who knew her. Alice and Monrad are laid to rest in the Bardo Cemetery.

Finseth, Malcolm and Ruth

Malcolm Adair Finseth was born in March, 1922, the first child of Monrad and Alice Finseth. He grew up on the farm and attended Anderson School (Bardo). In 1944 he left for the Pacific Coast, Vancouver area. Acquaintance was made with Ruth Elizabeth Hall, born in 1924. Ruth was originally from Clanwilliam, Manitoba. They were married on April 16, 1949 in the First Lutheran Church in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Gregory Charles was born in April, 1950, shortly after a house was purchased in North Vancouver. Richard Carl was born in May, 1953, and Kevin Lee was born in July, 1956 while they were living in North Vancouver. The house in North Vancouver was sold in 1958 and the family moved to an acreage in Maple Ridge in the Fraser Valley, east of Vancouver. A new home was built at that time and still is Mal and Ruth's home. The acreage has shrunk to two thirds of an acre and is in the process of being subdivided further.

The family has been actively involved in community, church and sports as well as breeding and showing pleasure horses. Mal has been in sales and management in the automobile field except for ten years prior to retirement, when a specialty marketing company was formed.

Ruth has been wife, mother, homemaker, taxi driver, bookkeeper and accountant at different times and is now retired.

With three sons and three hand-picked daughters as well as three grandchildren, the family is growing. The boys all attended University for varying periods of time. Greg majored in English and Communication and after training in England is in the antique furniture and art business. He has his own store with restoration facilities in Ventura, California. He and his wife, Jean, live in a heritage house in Santa Paula, California. Greg married Jean MacDonald, also of Maple Ridge. Jean attended University of British Columbia and has worked for B.C.T.V. in Vancouver, N.B.C. in England and California as a news editor and producer.

Richard (Rick) has an M.A. in Education and heads the English Department at Washington's High School in Tacoma. While attending Pacific Lutheran University, Rick was a star football quarterback and upon graduation, was drafted by the Calgary Stampeders. He signed with Calgary but during training camp he developed tendonitis in his throwing arm. In his last year of university he married Claudia Jo Riiff of Longview, Washington, also a student at P.L.U.



Malcolm Finseth family. Back Row: Rick, Claudia, Ruth, Mal, Jean, Greg, Jan, Kevin. Front Row: Sarah, Eric, Sonia.

Claudia majored in Nursing and English. Her special interest is in writing, and to date she has one book published, "Scandinavian Folk Patterns for Counted Thread Embroidery", which contains fifty-eight original designs as well as the history and tradition of the colors and patterns. There may be more books to come.

Kevin studied Communications and Sound at S.F.U. while continuing to progress with piano playing and studying. He was active in all minor sports, especially hockey, playing goal on all rep teams in each age group. After a time in England, and several school terms in Greece teaching piano, Kevin now lives in Vancouver. He is a partner in a recording studio as well as a record store. Besides custom recording, Kevin and his partner have three original productions to their credit. Kevin is married to Janice Littler of Kitimat, British Columbia. Jan attended University in Saskatchewan and currently, besides being wife and mother, works part time doing computer work in a Dental Office.

The grandchildren are: Eric Bjorn (born June, 1982) and Sarah Elizabeth (born May, 1984) – children of Rick and Claudia. Both are healthy, active children, good students, taking music lessons and are involved in various sports. Sonia

Madelene was born in February, 1989, daughter of Kevin and Jan. She is a bright, active little girl and attends day care on a part time basis. She lives close enough to visit Grandpa and Grandma and stays overnight quite often.

All members of the family enjoy visiting the old home in the Bardo district and hope to be there during the 100th anniversary celebrations.

Monsen, Loren and Muriel

(by Muriel Monsen)

I, Muriel Finseth Monsen, daughter of Alice and Monrad Finseth, was born in 1924, on a cold winter day, in the house built by my grandfather, Martin Finseth, who was one of the first pioneers in Bardo.

I taught school until 1951, when I was married to Loren Monsen (born 1923) of Everson, Washington, U.S.A. We still live on the farm his grandparents bought in 1900. This was a community much like Bardo, with mostly Norwegian settlers. Times have changed this. We have continued to farm, raising poultry, and crop farming.

We have three children:

(1) Terrie (born 1952) of Federal Way, WA and husband Steve Miller (born 1945). They have two sons – Jacob (born 1979) and Brad (born 1981)

(2) Pamela (born 1953) of Sedro Wooley, WA and husband Leonard Andrews (born 1952). They have three children – Benjamin (born 1980), Tyler (born 1983) and Kelly (born 1988).



Loren and Muriel Monson.

(3) Jeffrey (born 1956) of Everson, WA and his wife Diane (born 1955). They have two daughters – Kara (born 1985) and Amy (born 1988).

None of the family are following the footsteps of farming, but are all successful in different professions. Of most importance, the whole family has been and is active in community and church, and doing their utmost to make the world a better place.



Loren and Muriel (Finseth) Monsen family, 1985. Back: Diane holding Kara, Muriel, Pam, Benjamin, Lenny, (insert: Kelly). Front: Loren, Jeff, (insert: Amy), Terrie holding Bradley and Jacob.

Finseth, LeRoy and Mary

(written by Mary)

On January 31, 1927, LeRoy Russell Finseth was born in the log house built by his Grandfather Martin in 1896. He was the third child born to Alice and Monrad.

As a child, he needed discipline, as all children do, so his mother sent him out for a switch to be used when the occasion called for it. He came back with a couple. When asked why two, he said one was for everyday and one was for Sundays. Another time he disappeared and all the family searched everywhere, but to no avail. Finally, coming into the house, they discovered him sound asleep behind the coal and wood cookstove.

LeRoy took his schooling at the Anderson School (Bardo) which was only ¼ mile away, so the children came home for lunch. This he really didn't like, as it took too much time away from ball, hockey or other sports. Sometimes he rode his horse to school and then let her go home on her own. He also carried milk to the teachers who had lived in the teacherage. These included Bert and Lillian Loken and Selmer and Minnie Olsonberg.

LeRoy was a farmer at heart from day one. Horses were his first love and he always had some for work or riding. He farmed with his Dad, using only horses for all their activities. Their first tractor was a Minneapolis (no cab in those days) which he used to break some land on NE-35-49-19-W4. Farming meant a lot of hard work, long hours with very few conveniences. Many changes have taken place over the years which have made farming easier.

On December 1, 1925, Mary Matilda Johnson, the youngest of nine children, was born to Anna and Eric Johnson, in a farmhouse south-west of Viking. In 1927, the family moved to a farm south of Hayter, which later became the Bodo area. Mary's education was acquired in one-room country schools. Again, in 1943 the family moved to the Amisk Creek community and lived on Mrs. Aagot Flatten's farm, now owned by Ken Boettger. Shortly after, Mary started to work for Magda and George Hendrickson (where Ivan Foshaug now lives).

In those days, all the young people gathered at the school on Sunday evenings to play ball. That is where Mary and LeRoy met – on the swings! Their friendship had its ups and downs, so in the meantime, Mary worked in Camrose, Kingman and Edmonton. LeRoy continued to work with his folks. Mary and LeRoy were engaged in 1949 and were married August 14, 1950 at Central Lutheran Church in Edmonton. They spent their honeymoon in Jasper and Banff and returned home in time for harvest.

We had a two room house moved from Round Hill to the Finseth yard, and continued to farm together – milked cows, fed pigs and chickens, and had range cattle. In 1959 we bought the farm and Alice and Monrad moved to Edmonton. That same year, we had the house lifted and we put in a full cement basement and had a gravity coal furnace installed. Oh, what comfort!

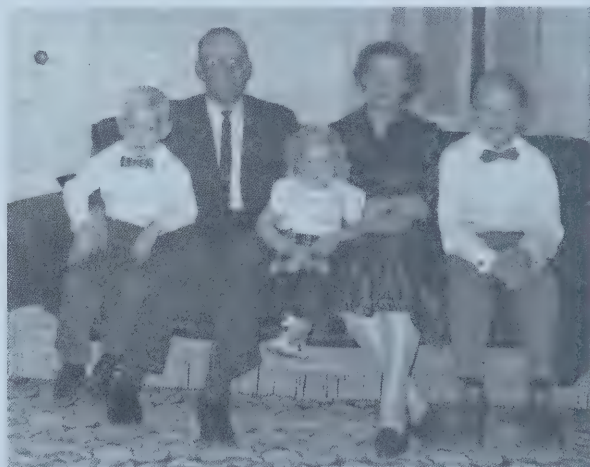
Many changes have taken place for the better. When Calgary Power installed rural electricity, it made a wonderful improvement. No more lamps and lanterns to fill with kerosene or gas, to carry from place to place. The yardlights were a real treat, especially for doing chores in the winter. Also, going from milking cows by hand to electric milking machines was another treat.

The next best thing to happen was the installation of running water and indoor plumbing. Next came natural gas to the rural areas which made heating a song – no more coal to carry in or ashes to carry out.

Telephones also made big progress, going from eighteen subscribers on a party line to eight, then to four on each side so you only heard three rings beside your own. Later, it went to semi-private when you only heard your own ring. Now there are private lines throughout all Alberta.

LeRoy and I were blessed with a family of three children – Douglas, Keith and Cheryl. Their histories will also appear in this book.

We have enjoyed forty-one years working together as a team to carry out our mixed farming and Hereford cattle operation. It hasn't always



LeRoy Finseth family – December, 1963. Keith, LeRoy, Cheryl, Mary, Douglas.



LeRoy and Mary Finseth.

been real profitable, but it's a way of life that has been very fulfilling. Changes do come, so in November, 1991, we decided to quit farming, and moved into Tofield to share a more relaxed lifestyle. Douglas and his wife, Judy, are taking over the home place. They are the fourth generation of Finseths to farm that land and call it home.

We have been active in the Bardo community and Bardo Lutheran Church and want to continue in that way. We have so much to be thankful for, and God has been so good to us. It has been our desire to have Him as the head of our home and our lives. Our prayer is that we can continue to serve Him and be a blessing to others as long as He grants us days of grace.

Finseth, Doug and Judy

In November of 1991, Doug and Judy moved onto the original Finseth homestead, becoming the fourth generation to live in the house Martin Finseth built in 1896.

Doug was born on June 13, 1953, the eldest son of LeRoy and Mary. Doug's grandparents (Monrad and Alice) shared the same yard and Doug has many happy memories of being his grandpa's "eyes and ears" as they travelled the neighborhood with a team and wagon, stopping for coffee with an assortment of great uncles. Doug, as a result, began to drink coffee at a very tender age, but was also witness to some great reminiscing amongst the Bardo oldtimers.

Doug developed his love for animals at an early age as well. His Grandpa gave him his first horse when he was three years old. Doug still has a mare which can trace her lineage back to this animal. Doug's interest in raising purebred cattle resulted from his many activities in 4-H. He was a 4-H member for seven years. He was also active in the Junior Hereford Association and was on the first board of that Association in Alberta.

Anderson School (Bardo) shut down the year Doug was to have started grade one so he attended school in Tofield. He was active in sports, playing hockey, football, baseball and curling.

Studying the "Hereford Digest" and memorizing pedigrees was Doug's real schooling, much more important to him than other scholastic pursuits. This knowledge has served him well as raising Hereford cattle has continued to be an important part of his life. Doug left home in the spring of 1972 and spent many years working as a herdsman and manager for a number of Hereford operations in Alberta. In 1983, he purchased a farm north of Gwynne where he



Doug and Judy Finseth.

raised cattle and worked part-time for Unifeed in Wetaskiwin. It was at Gwynne that he met Judy.

Judy (Frederickson) was born on January 23, 1961 in Kamloops, British Columbia, the fourth of six children. Her parents, Fred and Colleen, were both raised in the Notch Hill/Tappen area, near Salmon Arm. Judy was quite a "tomboy" in her younger years, much preferring to ride Skeeter, the family pony, than to play with dolls. Her goal in life was to grow up to be a cowboy.

In 1969, the family moved to Saskatoon where her father managed a feedlot and a cow/calf operation. Judy graduated in 1979 and spent two years at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1981, the family moved to Alberta, eventually purchasing a farm north of Gwynne. The Fredericksons continue building their Hereford herd and raising a few quarter horses.

Upon moving to Alberta, Judy spent two years as a newspaper editor in Wetaskiwin before returning to the University of Alberta. She completed a Bachelors Degree in Physical Education in 1986, majoring in adapted physical education (working with special populations) and sport history.

Doug and Judy were married on December 22, 1989. They lived at Delburne for a year and moved back to the Bardo area in 1990. Moving onto the home quarter has always been Doug's dream. Now that the dream is a reality, Doug and Judy look forward to building their life in the Bardo Community.

Keith Finseth

Keith Ronald Finseth was born on March 11, 1959. He grew up on a farm in the Bardo area, attending school in Tofield. He enjoyed participating in Beef 4-H, hockey, baseball and riding

horseback. After graduating, he farmed with his father, raising Registered Horned Hereford cattle. He enjoyed showing cattle in Canada and the United States.

In 1980 Keith met Elaine Gail Uglem from Bawlf. They were married on July 21, 1984. They purchased a farm north of Kingman in 1988 where they continue to invest in Keith's chosen breed of eighteen years – Horned Herefords.

Elaine enjoyed sports, Beef 4-H and music. She went to the University of Alberta and received a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy and now is in private practice contracting to various facilities in East Central Alberta. She enjoys family activities, curling and raising Registered Miniature Schnauzers on the side.



Keith and Elaine Finseth family. Back Row: Keith, Elaine, Nathan. Front Row: Naomi, Nicole.

Keith and Elaine have three children. Nathan Lee Don was born in 1986. He enjoys 'fixing' farm equipment, riding his pony, which Grandpa bought him, and swimming.

Nicole Erin was born in 1988. She has a special place in her heart for all her 'farm animals'. She is out-going and loves being with people.

Naomi Jolene was born 1991. She is walking and investigating everything imaginable and unimaginable. She also loves the outdoors and animals.

This Finseth family enjoys family, community and church activities, participating in cattle shows occasionally, riding horseback and never having a dull moment with their children and animals.

Cheryl (Finseth) Rook

The youngest child, and only daughter of LeRoy and Mary Finseth, Cheryl was born April 20, 1961 at the Tofield Hospital.

Cheryl grew up on the Finseth family farm (fourth generation to do so!) The log house, now re-sided, that was built in 1896, did not have running water until 1972 so part of the chores was hauling water from the well in the barn in eight gallon cream cans. In the summer the little red wagon was used to haul the cans and in the winter, a sled. And what a treat to be the youngest! Cheryl always had the "clean" water for the Saturday night bath in the kitchen, beside the coal stove - even if the water was only an inch deep! Of course, being the youngest and a girl, Cheryl didn't have to carry out the "slop-pail".

Speaking about the coal cookstove, Cheryl's favorite place to sit after coming inside during the winter was on top of the reservoir - it didn't take long to warm up there.

Cheryl recalls on winter mornings, it was a race to the kitchen to dress in front of the stove and furnace register that were already nice and toasty thanks to Cheryl's mom. And then, of course, breakfast was hot porridge and hot chocolate before walking down the lane to catch the bus.

Cheryl rode the school bus to attend school in Tofield for grades 1-12. During those years she enjoyed playing basketball and softball and was a member of the Tofield 4-H Beef Club.

Piano lessons were a weekly event for about six years, though getting Cheryl to practice was a daily chore for her mom.

Church and its related activities always played a large role in Cheryl's life. As a baptized and confirmed member of Bardo Lutheran, she was a part of the Sunday School, and later a member of the youth group "Luther-League". Cheryl also filled in as pianist for occasional church services. She recalls attending services at the Anderson (Bardo) School during 1965-1967 while the new church was being built in Tofield.

After graduating from High School in 1979, Cheryl attended Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose from 1979-1981. While there, she was able to travel throughout Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia with singing groups.

Always wanting to be a nurse, Cheryl was able

to fulfill that dream by attending University of Alberta from 1981-1985 and receiving her BSc in Nursing. After graduating, Cheryl continued living in Edmonton and has since been working as a Pediatric Nurse at the Charles Camshell Hospital. She hopes to be able to transfer to the Northern Alberta Children's Hospital when it opens later in 1992.

On May 25, 1991, Cheryl married Randy Rook in Edmonton. Randy is a native of Lethbridge, Alberta (born February 7, 1961). Randy has three sons from his previous marriage. They live in Shaughnessy, Alberta: Daniel (July 31, 1980), Chad (March 29, 1982) and Tyler (January 20, 1986).



Randy and Cheryl Rook.

Cheryl and Randy live in Edmonton. Randy recently completed a course in Wildlife Conservation, but is currently working towards his own business with a company called Primerica Financial Services.

They are members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. They both enjoy music, sports and outdoor activities. Winter 1991-1992 found them both involved in minor hockey with an Edmonton

Athletic Club, Randy coaching a Midget "AA" team (16 and 17 year olds) and Cheryl, the team trainer.

Cheryl has fond memories of a community where the coffee pot was always on and a phone call was never necessary prior to a visit. And many of those visits were history lessons from oldtimers like Grandma Alice and her brothers Clarence and Emil Rude.

Though no longer a member of the Bardo community, the memories of growing up there, the heritage, and the values the community believe in, continue to play a large role in Cheryl's life.

Lyseng, Fred and Barbara

Barbara Finseth Lyseng, the fourth child of Monrad and Alice Finseth, was born on April 9, 1934, at home, as was usual at that time. My memories of growing up are happy memories. While I know there were many hardships, they are not a part of my memories. I wasn't aware that there was a more comfortable way to travel, on Christmas Eve, than in a sleigh pulled by horses. Warming the stones and blankets was no effort for me. Driving to Tofield in a horse drawn wagon, on very muddy roads, for piano lessons with Mrs. M. Stinson was a usual part of my life. In our home many hours were spent singing around the piano. I am thankful for the music appreciation I inherited from my family and community.

I attended Anderson School (Bardo) for ten years and then completed my high school education at Camrose Lutheran College. I spent three years at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton, receiving my RN degree in 1956. I continued to work part-time nursing, a profession I truly enjoy. A hobby that brings me hours of pleasure is sewing - quilting, smocking and related activities.

My husband, Fred Lyseng, grew up in the Armena district, a community similar to Bardo, with many similar experiences. He also attended Camrose Lutheran College. At the College we both sang in the choir. Sports have always been a part of his life, as a participant and a spectator. Following thirty seven years of employment with the Royal Bank, Fred retired in 1991. He is now fulfilling a life long dream of constructing our ocean view home twenty minutes north of Victoria, British Columbia. Because of work related transfers, we have lived in several Alberta and British Columbia locations, involving ourselves in church, music, sports and other community activities.

Our daughter, Cathy, and Marty Andrews live



Fred and Barbara (Finseth) Lyseng family – December, 1992.
Back Row: Roanne, Marty and Cathy, Robin, Nathan, Fred.
Front Row: Don, Kelsey, Barbara, Matthew, Travis, Brian.

in Tacoma, Washington. Cathy has a degree in Education with a music specialty, and will return to teaching when their three children, Travis, Mathew and Kelsey, are in school. Marty has a degree in business and is a vice-president with a private medical insurance company.

Our son, Don, took a Telecommunications Technology course at NAIT and works in cable television. Don, Roanne, Nathan and Robin live in St. Paul, Alberta.

Our son, Brian, has a Masters Degree in Economics and is employed by the Bank of Montreal in Edmonton, Alberta.

Joanne Hansen (Finseth)

(by Joanne Hansen)

Joanne Frances (Finseth) Hansen, daughter of Monrad and Alice Finseth was born September 1, 1938. I attended Anderson School for grades one to six, took grade seven in Edmonton and grades eight to ten once again, in Bardo. My high school years were spent at Camrose Lutheran College.

After graduating, I worked for a few months in Edmonton prior to moving to North Vancouver, B.C. where I worked in a secretarial position. After a year I felt the need to return to my "home roots" and relocated once again in Edmonton. This move resulted in me beginning my medical secretarial career. I have remained in the same line of work in which I find myself even at the time of this writing. The move also resulted in me meeting the man who was to become my husband – Ed Hansen (b. February 26, 1936). Ed and I were married on August 16, 1958.

I continued working until September 1959. As we had just purchased our first home and were

expecting the arrival of our first child, it was time to become a full time homemaker.

Craig Dale arrived December 1, 1959

Cindy Lou arrived September 12, 1961

Barry Todd arrived February 3, 1963.

The spring of 1963 found us moving to the west coast as Ed was transferred to Vancouver. In spite of the adjustment to rainy days and lack of sunshine, we enjoyed our twelve years in the Vancouver area. One major enjoyment was the arrival of our fourth child.

Nancy Joanne arrived October 30, 1968.

In 1975 we found ourselves being transferred back to Edmonton. We remained in Edmonton until the summer of 1990, at which time Ed was again transferred back to Vancouver. He is with Philips Medical Systems as an account manager and has a large territory to cover so much time is spent in airports both in North America and Europe.

Our family is presently widely scattered and we look forward to the day when we perhaps will live closer to one another again.

Craig married Barb Lecomte in 1984 and they have two daughters – Jennifer Lee (b. March 1, 1986) and Dawn Ashley (born October 11, 1988). They presently live in Whitehorse, Yukon where Craig is the Food and Beverage Manager for the Westmark Hotel.

Cindy married Lee Chanin in 1988 and they have three children – Courtney Joanne (born August 6, 1989), Christopher Edward Keith (born January 4, 1991) and Jordan Samuel (born



Ed and Joanne Hansen family. Back Row: Barry, Joshua, Linnea, Cindy, Lee (holding Nancy's picture), Barb, Craig, Dawn. Front Row: Ed, Christopher, Jennifer, Joanne, Courtney.

January 5, 1993). They presently live in Canmore, Alberta where Cindy is a homemaker and Lee is with the R.C.M.P. They expect a move to Ottawa in a few months.

Barry married Linnea Carlson in 1987 and they have two sons, Joshua Bear (born March 21, 1990) and Daniel (born April 27, 1992). They live in Victoria, B.C. where Barry is in refrigeration and air conditioning with Honeywell.

Nancy has been in Queensland, Australia for the past 4½ years where she has been attending the James Cook University. She just graduated in Geology and Environmental Sciences. We look forward to having her back in Canada within a few months.

Ingebrigt Olson Forseth

(submitted by Doris Johnson)

Ingebrigt Olson Forseth was born in Bardu, Norway, February 19, 1863 and died in the Peace River country February 16, 1938. Karen Marie (Haugen) Forseth was born July 27, 1867 in Norway and died November 19, 1948 in the Peace River country.

Ingebrigt and Karen were married in Norway

in July, 1886. They had eight children, all born in Norway.

Ole Martin (b. May 18, 1887) married Kiai Livelton. They had nine children.

Marit (b. February 15, 1889) married Andrew Lindquist and had one child.

Magna (b. January 20, 1891) married Andrew Fredrickson and had four children.

Peter (b. December 19, 1893) married Margaret Livelton and had nine children.

Helga (b. May 24, 1897) married Sigurd Sandboe and had nine children.

Mary (b. July 10, 1899) married Olaf Wold. Eleven children were born to them.

Inga (b. January 1, 1903) married Peter Wold and had five children.

John (b. February 9, 1906) married Gudrun Liland. They had seven children.

Ingebrigt, Marie and family immigrated to Canada and settled in Bardo, Alberta in 1908. In 1911 Ingebrigt left Bardo to file on land in the Peace River country. While there, he built a cabin. In 1912, together with his family, he moved to the Buffalo Lakes area.

Ingebrigt's son, Ole Martin, with his wife and



Ingebrigt and Karen Forseth family. Taken before they left for Norway, at Ole Martin and Kiai Livelton's wedding, 1908. Back Row: Peter, Magna, Marit, Ole, Kiai. Front Row: Ingebrigt, Karen, John, Karen's mother. Little girls are Helga, Inga, and Mary.

two children, Ingebrigt (Bert) and Kristian, left Bardu, Norway June 21, 1911 and came to Bardo, Alberta. Edna (Forseth) Bentrude was born in Bardo, Alberta. In 1913 they left Bardo for the Buffalo Lakes area where Ingebrigt and his family settled.

Mary never forgot a teacher she had in Bardo – Mr. Bauer – and the song he taught her. She enjoyed her stay in Bardo the four years she was there.

Little ones dear Lord are we
He the shepherd leads his sheep
And the lamb most tenderly
He from harm will keep.
Keep us, keep us lest we stray
Lead us, lead us by thy hand
Lead us in the better way
To the better land.

Foshaug, Lars and Alma
(by Borghild Rude)

Lars Gerhard Foshaug was born at Bardu, Norway, October 1, 1879 to parents Iver Olsen Bakken and Gunhild Mattisdatter Foshaug. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bardu Lutheran State Church which is still standing.

Having heard there were better prospects for the future in America where homestead land was available, at the young age of 21, Lars bid farewell to his family and the beautiful land of his birth.

No. 52627

DOMINION LANDS.
INTERIM HOMESTEAD RECEIPT.

No. 9136

Agency, _____ 1901

I Certify that I have received from Lars Gerhard Foshaug Northern P.D. the sum of Five Dollars, being the office fee for Homestead Entry for Section 12 Township 50 Range 19 West of 1st Meridian, and that the said L. G. Foshaug is, in consequence of such entry and payment, vested with the rights conferred in such cases by the provisions of "The Dominion Lands Act," respecting Homestead Rights.

Local Agent, M. H. Hanna

Dominion Lands Interim Homestead Receipt – Lars Gerhardt Foshaug.

He set sail to seek his fortune in the unknown land. Can you imagine the pain his parents experienced when they said goodbye to six of their children within three years, with only one returning to stay?

Who met him in Wetaskiwin is not known, but possibly it was his brother-in-law, Asbjorn Moen who had come earlier. Now he was on his way in a horse-drawn lumber wagon, bouncing along over the rough trails and crossing creeks and lakes heading for his chosen destination, Bardo, where many from Norway and the U.S.A. had located, living in crude log and sod shacks on their bush-covered homesteads.

To begin with, Lars worked at logging and road and bridge construction. Then in 1902 he filed on S.W. 1/4-12-50-19-W4, and paid the required fee of ten dollars. A homesteader was required to live six months each year on the land and cultivate five acres each year, for three years. In 1907 he was

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NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES
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THE NATURALIZATION ACT
REV. STAS. CAN. CHAPTER 113, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF

Certificate of Naturalization.

DOMINION OF CANADA,
NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

In the Supreme Court of the North-west Territories before
The Honourable David John Scott one of the Judges of the said
Court, sitting in Chambers in the Judicial District of Northern Alberta.

Whereas Lars G. Foshaug formerly of
Norway (Name of Country) now of Bardo

In the North-west Territories of the Dominion of Canada Farmer (Occupation)
S.W. 12, 50, 19, W 4 has complied with the
several requirements of "The Naturalization Act," and has duly resided
in Canada for the period of three years;

And whereas the certificate granted to the said Lars G. Foshaug
under the tenth section of the said Act has been
duly presented to the said Judge sitting in Chambers in the said Judicial
District; and whereas a copy of such certificate has been duly posted in a
conspicuous place in the Court House in which the said Judge holds his
Chambers, and the said Judge has directed the issue of a certificate of
naturalization of the said Lars G. Foshaug

This is therefore to certify to all whom it may concern, that, under and
by virtue of the said Act, Lars G. Foshaug has
become naturalized as a British subject, and is within Canada, entitled
to all political and other rights, powers and privileges, and is subject
to all obligations to which a natural-born British subject is entitled
or subject within Canada, with this qualification that he shall not,
when within the limits of the Foreign State of which he was a subject
(or citizen) previous to the date hereof, be deemed to be a British
subject unless he has ceased to be subject (or citizen) of that State, in
pursuance of the laws thereof, or in pursuance of a treaty or convention
to that effect.

Given under the seal of the Supreme Court of the North-west
Territories, Judicial District of Northern Alberta
this 26th day of July
one thousand nine hundred and five

E. L. Lewis
Acting Deputy Clerk of Court

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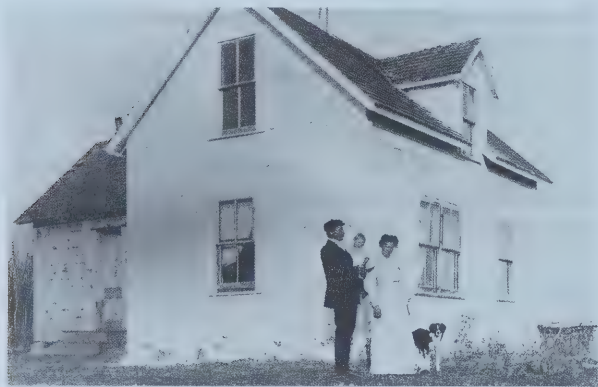
This is a true copy of the certificate granted to the above named person.

Deputy Clerk of Court, J. H. H. H.

Certificate of Naturalization – Lars Foshaug.

granted a certificate of title and became a Naturalized Canadian Citizen.

There was a fairly good log house on the land built by a former homesteader who had given it up. Lars was a handy man. He loved to work in his shop repairing machinery and fashioning knives and meat saws from scraps of iron. He also hunted coyotes, not only for pleasure but the pelts brought extra cash. On big game expeditions he usually brought home game.



Lars and Alma Foshaug home.

He had a keen interest in the community, school and church using his gift of leadership. He was on the school Board many years and Chairman of the Bardo Congregation which he and his family became members of in 1909. One highlight in his life was a trip back to Norway in 1914 to visit his aged Mother. His health began to fail and in April, 1936 he died from a massive stroke at the age of 56 years.

Lars' wife, Alma Caroline was born in Nyskoga, Varmland, Sweden on December 27, 1887 to parents Nels and Marit Thompson Persson. In 1889 she immigrated to America with her parents and only brother, Johan Albin. They settled in Warren, Minnesota. Three weeks later her Mother passed away suddenly from a severe brain aneurism. Her father, having to work out could not care for the children too, so they were placed in foster homes. Legal adoption procedures were not needed in those days. They never saw their father again but heard he had died from tuberculosis in 1891.

Alma was eight years old when her foster parents, Martin and Barbro Finseth, then living at Grand Forks, North Dakota, decided to move to Canada. Martin along with J. Jevning, J. Lerbekmo and P.B. Anderson had gone earlier to choose their homesteads. Landing in Wetaskiwin,

they travelled by wagon on the trails leading to Bardo. At first they lived with Barbro's brother P.B. Anderson and family until their house was ready for occupancy. Alma at her early age had to help with many duties in the house as well as herd cattle, so she only attended part of three years at the log school house.

On July 19, 1903 she was confirmed in the same school which also served as Church. Her foster mother's father, Bersvend Anderson, was the Minister. On November 2, 1905, she was married to Lars Foshaug in the same school by the same Minister. They settled on the homestead where she continued to live until the last few years when she moved to Tofield.

*Over af Lars. Ch. Finseth
 i skolen i deres naboarskole
 ved deres
 Datters
 Alma. Carolines
 i skolen
 til
 Lars E. Foshaug
 Friday afternoon
 den 2^{den} November
 Kl. 3
 Vielsen finder sted
 i skolehuset Kl. 2*

Wedding Invitation for Alma (Finseth) and Lars Foshaug.

Alma was a lover of nature and enjoyed roaming the woods picking berries and the many wild flowers. A lovely flower garden outside and lovely flowers, especially geraniums on the windowsills gave her much joy. With her strong soprano voice she went about her work singing no matter how difficult the situation. With very little education she was an avid reader and kept up correspondence with friends and relatives in Norway, Sweden, U.S.A. and Canada, which gave her much knowledge of family relationships so when her niece, Betsy (Ness) Scott wrote the Foshaug family history she helped compile information on families.

On August 7, 1973, she passed away in the Tofield Hospital. Her last words uttered in Norwegian were, 'Tak Kjare Gud for hvad vi har



The Alma Foshaug family. Back Row: Talbert, Merlin, George, Leif, Ivan. Front Row: Borghild, Alma Foshaug, Mabel.

i Jesus'. 'Thank you dear God for what we have in Christ Jesus.'

Eight of Lars and Alma's children were born at home with the assistance of mid-wives.

The eldest, **Borghild Margrete**, born July 17, 1906 was baptized in the log school with the pioneer pastor, Bersvend Anderson officiating. Her mother recalled dinner for the occasion consisted of fried prairie chicken, potatoes and flatbread with evaporated apple sauce for desert. Borghild attended the second Anderson school walking across country at first and later riding horseback or driving Old Fanny hitched to a buggy or sleigh. Then she attended Camrose Lutheran College for grade nine. Later, she worked out at homes of neighbors and worked in the home of the Principal of Vermilion School of Agriculture three years prior to her marriage.

Gunda Iverine, born June 7, 1908, died suddenly at the age of ten years.

Mabel Neline, born February 5, 1911. (See Arnold Johnson story)

Ivan Millard, born June 20, 1912 - (See Ivan Foshaug history)

Leif Arthur, born July 24, 1914 - (See Leif Foshaug history)

Merlin Palmer, born April 8, 1916 - (See Merlin Foshaug history)

George Ingmar, born May 26, 1918 - Died in infancy.

George Elmer, born July 9, 1919 - (See further history)

Talbert Wallace, born September 17, 1921 - (See Talbert's history)

Lars and Alma, Gunda, baby George Ingmar, Merlin and George Elmer are all buried in the same plot in the Bardo Cemetery.

Johnson, Arnold and Mabel

(by Mabel (Foshaug) Johnson)

Mabel Neline, third daughter of Lars and Alma Foshaug, was born February 5, 1911. She was baptized and confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church and could speak Norwegian. She married Arnold Sigurd Johnson on November 16, 1935. Times were hard so they learned to live on very little but God always supplied their needs. They sold butter for twenty cents a pound and eggs for as little as ten cents a dozen. Their first house was only two rooms, with furniture made by Arnold, who was a very handy man. Their three children were born while they lived in this home, so all five lived in this house for a while.

Arnold was born in Stockholm, Sweden on August 4, 1909. He came to Bardo with his step-brother Arthur Hollin in 1929. He worked on the farm for George Hendrickson for \$25.00 per month and for board and room in the winter.

Arnold and Mabel farmed in Bardo until they moved to Vernon, British Columbia in 1967. Their land location was S.W. 1/4-18-50-18-W4. Upon retiring from the farm, they bought a home in Vernon and enjoyed milder weather and the surrounding beauties of nature. Arnold did some building as well as other jobs. He also wove baskets and made a Grandfather's clock which Mabel greatly admires. Mabel enjoyed making several quilts throughout the years. In time, it became necessary to sell their home and move to an apartment, where Mabel continues to live. Arnold went to his Heavenly Home July 31, 1990.

Arnold and Mabel had one daughter, Bertha Lorraine (born - July 4, 1941 in Edmonton, Alberta), and two sons, James and Walter. All three were baptized and confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church.

James was born September 15, 1937, at home in Bardo. He attended the Anderson School (Bardo) the first years and later went to Ingram School, then finished Grade eight at Bardo. This was his last year of school. James attended Sunday School at Bardo. He married Lia (Nelia) Pemberton on January 12, 1963 in Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose, Alberta. Pastor Carl Johnson married them, and the immediate family were the only ones present. They lived and worked in Camrose until they moved to British Columbia in 1965. They now live at Fintry, B.C. and James works at Winfield, B.C.

Lia was born at Drumheller, Alberta, January 19, 1938. James and Lia have three sons: Michael

was born August 21, 1961 in Calgary, Alberta. He works at Victoria, B.C.

Roger was born December 3, 1963 at Camrose, Alberta. He was baptized at the Johnson home. Roger married Evelyn Guyer, a girl from Germany, on March 24, 1989. They live at Westbank, B.C. where Roger works. They have two sons: Eric Christopher, was born at Kelowna, B.C. January 5, 1990, and Luke Anthony was born at Kelowna, B.C. on August 25, 1991. Their mother, Evelyn was born in Germany.

Lane was born December 22, 1972 at Vernon, B.C. He lives with his parents at Fintry, B.C. Lane graduated from High School and works at Kelowna, B.C.

Arnold and Mabel's second son, Walter Arnold, was born October 16, 1947 in Edmonton, Alberta. He lives in Camrose, Alberta.

Arnold and Mabel enjoyed living in B.C. After retirement, they were able to see more of the beauties surrounding them. They also were able to take a trip to Sweden and Norway where they met many relatives. Mabel, now that she is alone, doesn't get around much but she is thankful for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. God has been good to her and she still takes part in the work of the church which is her greatest pleasure.



Arnold Johnson family – January 1, 1984. Back Row: Walter Johnson, Bertha (Johnson) Ramstad, James (Johnson) Sifton. Front Row: Mabel and Arnold Johnson.

Bertha Lorraine Johnson Ramstad

(by Bertha)

Bertha was baptized, confirmed and married in the Bardo Lutheran Church. She married Stan Ramstad on September 1, 1962. Stan was born in Winfield, Alberta on July 30, 1939. Stan and Bertha lived in Camrose and Calgary, then moved to Salmon Arm in British Columbia in 1967, where they are still residing. They have one daughter, Leanne Marie (born August 19, 1966), and two sons – Darren (born April 1, 1964) and Daniel (born June 27, 1969). Stan and Bertha have three grandchildren. Leanne married Dave Jones of Salmon Arm, and they have one son, Colin David, born February 17, 1990. They reside in Vernon B.C. Darren married Evelyn Hostenstein of Salmon Arm and they have two children – Ryan (born April 27, 1984) and Alisha (born December 28, 1988). Their home is in Salmon Arm.

Dan is single and resides in Salmon Arm also.



Stan and Bertha Ramstad family. Back Row: Evelyn and Darren Ramstad, son Ryan. Front Row: Stan and Bertha holding Curtis Jones, Alisha, Daniel, Leanne and David Jones, son Colin.

Johnson, Walter

Walter Arnold, the third child of Arnold and Mabel Johnson, was born in Edmonton, Alberta on October 16, 1947. He was baptized, confirmed and attended Sunday School at Bardo Lutheran Church. He went by bus to Tofield school where he finished Grade 12. He then worked on farms in the district and later moved to Calgary. There he was employed with the School Board and later

in a Hardware store. He spent some time in Vernon, British Columbia, working at Stationery Supplies, until he headed back to sunny Alberta. He decided to settle in Camrose where he met and married Marilyn Cole of New Norway, Alberta. Marilyn had a daughter, Angela, born on November 18, 1983 and on April 20, 1988 a daughter, Cassandra, was born to them.



Walter and Marilyn Johnson, Cassandra and Angela.

Walter worked at Home Hardware in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, from 1987 to 1991. At present, he is doing construction work for a company in Camrose. Walter enjoys golfing with his friends and watching hockey and baseball on T.V.

Foshaug, Ivan and Olive

(written by Ivan)

I am the oldest son of Lars and Alma Foshaug. I was born in 1912. I grew up and lived in the Bardo district my entire life. I took my schooling at Anderson (Bardo) School and in 1929 and 1930 I went to Agriculture School in Vermilion, Alberta. In 1933 I attended Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute at Camrose, Alberta.

In 1934 my brother Leif and I thought we would try farming, so we rented a quarter of land that had been farmed in the past by Pat Gladue (NE 1/4-13-50-19-W4.) This we farmed for two years using two horse outfits. We plowed everything with the gang plows, and at night

turned the horses loose, made something to eat and slept on the floor in the old shack that was on the place. We didn't make much money but had fun.

I continued renting this land myself until 1943 when Olav and Alice Stokkan rented it and later purchased it and made this their home. I had purchased the SE-2-50-19-W4 from my Dad before he passed away in 1936. Because of a lot of heavy brush on this land, I spent the winters cutting with an axe, piling and taking out wood to burn in the stove.

I think of one time when I was breaking a piece of land and a storm came up. I turned the tractor sideways to the storm and took shelter in the wheel of the tractor. I sat there and watched my crop mowed down by that hail storm. That year I threshed only one wagon box of oats, about seventy-five bushels.

In 1937, I married Olive Haugen (b. June 10, 1916) from Amisk Creek, a community just east of Bardo. We were blessed with a family of six children – four girls and two boys.

Olive took her schooling at Ingram (four miles north of Bardo), Anderson (Bardo) School and Camrose Lutheran College. She passed away in 1982.



Ivan Foshaug family, 1978. Back Row: Ronald, Ivan, Olive, Richard, Diane. Front Row: Caroline, Phyllis, Maureen.

I still live on the SE-1-50-19-W4 which we had purchased from George Hendrickson. This was the C.P.R. land purchased by John Anderson. My Uncle Albin was a foster child, brought up by the Andersons and this was his home as he grew up.

Many changes have taken place since the people first settled in this country. As I was growing up our sports were close to home. We made skating rinks on sloughs and our equipment wasn't very fancy. I remember using the Edmonton Journal for shin guards.

Pete Bjornson, being a champion skier, helped us build a ski-scaffold on the creek bank on the Jevning land. That used to be quite a day when people would gather to watch the ski jumping, as it was. I played some hockey, baseball, golfed and curled. Also, we have many good memories of the hunting trips I was along on. I guess there was something interesting and good about the time when I grew up too. Now as I'm retired from farming, I spend a lot of time at our Golden Club in Tofield, Alberta.

Wesner, Maureen and Ed

(by Maureen)

Maureen was born September 2, 1938, the oldest child of Ivan and Olive Foshaug. She joined Joanne Finseth and Joyce Hendrickson, both of whom were born only hours before Maureen. They were the 'triplets' of the Bardo Community. She attended Anderson school for grades one through ten, attended Tofield High School for Grade eleven and then attended Camrose Lutheran College, graduating in 1956. She then attended Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose and graduated in 1959. She worked in several church related organizations and while working as a Parish-worker in Forest Heights Lutheran Church in Edmonton, she met Ed Wesner, whom she married in 1961. Ed has worked in the Construction industry since moving to Alberta in 1956 from Swan River, Manitoba.

They lived on an acreage in the Ardrossan area for the past twenty years and their three children attended school in Ardrossan and Sherwood Park.

Their eldest child, Lori, was born in 1964 and in 1984 was married to Miles Leslie from Menitonas, Manitoba. They live in Sherwood Park. Lori is a Registered Nurse at the University of Alberta Hospital as well as being mother to Erin, born 1987 and Amanada, born in 1990. Their third child, Christine, was born in March, 1992. Miles is a crane operator at Russelsteel.

Susan was born in 1966. She graduated from

the University of Alberta in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She worked in the military and while posted in Kingston, Ontario, met Captain Greg Findlay, whom she married in June 1991. They are presently posted in Calgary, Alberta.

Mark, born in 1967, graduated in 1988 from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education degree and is an elementary teacher with the Edmonton Public School Board. The Wesner family attends Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park where they are involved in different areas of ministry.



Ed and Maureen Wesner family. Miles Leslie (Amanda), Lori Leslie, Erin Leslie, Mark Wesner, Maureen, Ed, Susan Findlay, Greg Findlay.

Krogen, Mervin and Diane (Foshaug)

(by Diane)

Diane Eunice Foshaug Krogen was born January 31, 1942, the second eldest child, to Ivan and Olive Foshaug. She attended Anderson School (Bardo) for ten years and graduated from Tofield High School in 1960. She became a Dental Assistant in Edmonton. To fulfill a career goal and further education, Diane attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the University of Alberta where she majored in psychology and sociology. Her field placements and part-time jobs while in University included Urban renewal, child welfare agencies, prisons, ghettos and hospitals.

After five years as a Child Care Worker in institutional settings she began her career as a Social Worker in 1969 and has worked in the areas of foster care, adoptions, child welfare, crisis intervention, income support and case management. At present she is employed as a Child Welfare



Ivan Foshaug and daughter, Diane – May, 1942.

Investigator with Alberta Family and Social Services.

Diane remains committed to assisting children and families in the areas of family counselling, physical and sexual abuse, family violence and troubled teens. Leisure time is spent taking additional University and general interest courses, working in public education, being a children's rights activist, reading and travelling.

In 1964, Diane married Mervin Krogen of Edmonton. Merv is the son of Hans and Mabel Krogen who, for a period of time, resided in the Bardo, Ryley and Camrose areas. Merv has been employed in Management for both the Oil and Steel Industries.

Two sons were born: Christopher Allan, February 27, 1968. He graduated from High School in 1985 and attended the Faculty of Busi-



Mervin and Diane Krogen – June 22, 1991. Chris, Diane, Mervin, Michael.

ness Administration at N.A.I.T. He is employed at G.T. Metals in Edmonton. Chris is an avid hockey player and continues his involvement by coaching a Junior Hockey Team in Ardrossan, Alberta.

Michael Jay was born March 5, 1970 and graduated from High School in 1988. He is presently a University student in the Faculty of Physical Education. Michael married Heather Laird, an Advertizing Secretary, December 21, 1991. They reside in Edmonton.

A third child became a part of the family at eleven years of age. Shelly was born April 30, 1962. Shelly is married to Glenn Martell and they have two children -Steven Ernest, born September 25, 1982 and Diane Marie, born July 1, 1984. Shelly is employed in sales and merchandising and Glenn is a Partsman.

Special memories remain of school and community friends, rafting on the creek by Anderson School, Halloween pranks and a sense of a supportive and caring community. Fond memories continue of Diane's grade school teacher, Magda Hendrickson. Magda gave them a vision of the human condition, of history, of fantasy by reading stories and encouragement to learn of the magic in reading books. She related a positive future and gave them love.

Diane's paternal grandmother, Alma Foshaug, "instilled a belief in the inherent worth and acceptance of all people. This great but humble lady was one of the most influential persons in my life." "My parents, Ivan and Olive Foshaug, were loving, supportive, instilled good moral and family values, taught self-reliance and respect. Since my mother's death in 1982, my Dad has become a mentor, a good friend, and continues to offer unconditional love."

Foshaug, Caroline

(by Caroline)

Caroline Jean Foshaug was born in Edmonton on October 3, 1943, the third oldest child of Olive and Ivan Foshaug. She grew up in the community of Bardo along with her parents and siblings. She took her early schooling at Anderson School and completed high school at Tofield High School. Upon completion of high school, she started a career in the banking industry where she remained for the next twenty years. She chose a career over marriage and family. Caroline quickly rose through the ranks and was the first female ever to be appointed an Assistant Accountant at the main branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Caroline Foshaug –
Christmas, 1983.



She continued her education with courses through the University of Alberta on a night-time basis. In 1973-74, she attended Camrose Lutheran College for continuing education.

Caroline travelled Canada and the U.S.A. during holidays, and during the Centennial Year 1967, she travelled and worked her way across Canada, with a friend, so she could spend three months at Expo 1967, which was a real highlight in her life.

Caroline became a Life Insurance agent part-time in 1981, opening her own business as an independent broker and financial planner in 1986. She retired from the insurance field in 1987 due to cervical spondylosis and other health problems. She spends her time in service to her Lord, becoming a Stephen Minister in 1991 at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Edmonton, and also does crafts and quilting.

Foshaug, Richard and Beatrice

(by Richard)

Richard Foshaug was born December 29, 1944, and is the fourth child of Ivan and Olive Foshaug. He grew up in the Bardo area and took his schooling there from grades one through eight. The rest of his education was taken in Tofield.

Richard helped with the farming at home as well as worked for other farmers in the Bardo district until August of 1965 when he went to Camrose to work for the Alberta Wheat Pool Seed Division. He worked there until October of 1976 when he transferred to Red Deer as assistant manager of the Red Deer Farm Supply Centre of the Alberta Wheat Pool, the position he holds to date.

On September 15, 1965 Richard married Beatrice Yoder. To this union three daughters were born – Dawn (March 28, 1966), Penni (February 17, 1971), and Crystal (December 17, 1974).



Richard Foshaug family, 1991. Standing: Beatrice, Richard. Seated: Dawn Maetche, Penni, Crystal.

On June 15, 1985 Dawn was united in marriage to Ken Maetche. She is employed as a Divisional Secretary at Michener Centre. Ken is employed by The Mutual Group in Red Deer.

Penni is enrolled in Canadian Nazarene College in Winnipeg, Manitoba and is in her third year working towards her Bachelor of Arts, with Music as her Major and English as her Minor. She is taking a four year program.

Crystal is in Grade Eleven at Lindsay Comprehensive School in Red Deer and is very much involved in the music program there.

Bea started working at the Red Deer Nursing Home in May of 1978 as a Personal Care Aid, where she is presently employed.

We, as a family, attend The First Church of the Nazarene in Red Deer where Richard serves on the Church Board and is Chairman of The Administration and Finance Committee. The whole family sings in the Church Choir and takes part in special music for the services.

Richard is also on the Executive Committee which is the administrative arm of Camp Harmattan, the Nazarene Youth and Family Camp in Alberta located west of Olds, Alberta.

Foshaug, Ronald and Loretta

(by Ronald)

Ronald Ivan Foshaug was born, the fifth child of Ivan and Olive Foshaug, on June 20, 1949 which happened to be the same day as his father's 37th birthday. It has been fun to celebrate a mutual

birthday through the years. Growing up in a rural setting is something I have always cherished and my awareness and appreciation of nature has continued to grow. Recalling the fun and frustration of trying to raise wild creatures such as hawks and owls which of course was illegal, brings back many fond memories.

I owe a great deal of thanks to my mother and father for my informal education as well. Schooling began at Anderson School in Bardo and continued in Tofield School until 1968 when I graduated from Grade twelve. I spent the 68-69 year at Camrose Lutheran College, the 70-71 years at Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, and the 72-73 year once again at Camrose Lutheran College. The 71-72 year I worked in Edmonton at Canada Packer's which was a strong encouragement to return to school. Thereafter I attended the University of Alberta during 73-74 and graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1975 after a summer session. Years later, 1984-87, I again studied at summer sessions and earned a Graduate Diploma in Elementary Education at the University of Alberta.



Ron and Loretta Foshaug, Jessica, Kelly – 1990.

On April 20, 1974 I married Loretta Vikse of Camrose. She is a daughter of John and Hattie Vikse of Camrose, formerly of the Donalda area. Loretta and I met during the 72-73 year at Camrose Lutheran College. After our marriage we lived for a short time in Edmonton while I completed my studies. In the fall of 1974 we moved to Kingman where I began my teaching career. Loretta began working in Camrose as a school librarian. After two years of teaching in Kingman I joined Loretta in commuting to Camrose where

I began teaching at Chester Ronning School, the same place that Loretta was Librarian. In 1985 we decided to move to Camrose.

We were very attached to the people and our home in Kingman which was formerly the 'Holte Store', so it took some time for us to adjust to life in Camrose. We especially missed our associations with the people of Salem Lutheran Church.

In February of 1986 we were blessed with a daughter, Jessica Lynn and in June of 1988 another daughter, Kelly Christine. Loretta has been home caring for and nurturing our family since that time.

Through the years I've participated in numerous church, community and sporting activities. The involvements have been a challenge, the people I've met have enriched my life and the friends acquired continue to be a blessing.

At this writing I continue to teach for the Camrose School District at the Jack Stuart School with a Grade Six class as my assignment for this year. The variety of teaching all of the elementary grades during the past 18 years has been enjoyable. Amidst ongoing changes in education, the students are really what makes the work worthwhile.

Horner, Michael and Phyllis

(by Phyllis Horner)

Phyllis Yvonne Foshaug was born October 16, 1952, the youngest child of Ivan and Olive Foshaug. She attended Grade one in Bardo at Anderson School, then took the bus to Tofield School for Grades two to twelve. During these years she particularly enjoyed choral music and sports.

After High School, Phyllis attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose, Alberta, from 1970-1972 and graduated with a two-year diploma. She was active in student council, singing in the choir and with small groups which travelled on behalf of CLBI during the summer months. Phyllis also travelled extensively in Canada and the United States with a singing/drama team over an eight-month period representing and promoting CLBI. She returned to school taking one semester at Camrose Lutheran College. After working for a year, she continued her education at Concordia College in Edmonton and the University of Calgary where she studied Social Work.

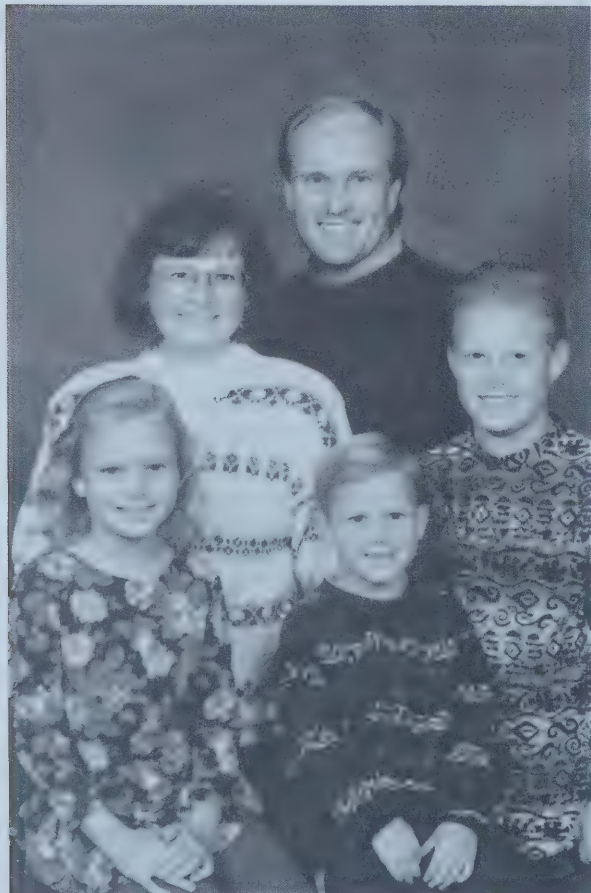
While in Calgary, Phyllis met Michael Allan Horner, who was working in a Christian Ministry to University students with Campus Crusade for Christ. They were married May 22, 1977. She also

joined the staff of Campus Crusade and they continued working with the students at University of Calgary for one year.

Campus Crusade transferred Michael and Phyllis in 1978 to the University of Toronto where Michael directed the ministry to students. Their first two children were born during their eight years in Toronto. Sean Michael was born November 30, 1980, and Stephanie Joy, September 10, 1982.

Michael resumed part-time studies at University of Toronto while starting a speaking ministry on Canadian Campuses with Campus Crusade. In 1986, he graduated with an M.A. in Philosophy. Following that, Campus Crusade transferred them to the Vancouver, B.C. area to work from their head office. Michael continues to have an international speaking and debating ministry, while Phyllis concentrates on their home and local area ministry.

Their third child, Daniel James, was born August 11, 1986. Michael, Phyllis and family reside in Richmond, B.C.



Michael and Phyllis Horner, Stephanie, Daniel, Sean.

Leif Foshaug History

(By Leif Foshaug)

Leif Foshaug was born July 24, 1914, the second son of Lars and Alma (Finseth) Foshaug. His birthplace was the Finseth house situated on the N.E. 1/4-36-49-19. It was owned by his grandparents Martin and Barbro Finseth. This is the oldest house in the Bardo district that is still in use and is presently occupied by the fourth generation, Doug and Judy Finseth. Leif was raised in the Bardo district and took his schooling at the Anderson School or as it is better known, the Bardo School. Leif is a member of the Bardo Lutheran Church and at present serves on one of the Boards. Being interested in sports, Leif played on the Bardo Baseball Team and also played some hockey and as well, did a little curling. After leaving school, Leif helped with the farming and in 1934, he and his brother, Ivan, rented a quarter section of land. By the end of the fall of 1936, he was the owner of a quarter section of land.



Leif Foshaug and Buster, his Belgian Stallion, 1937-1940.

Leif met his wife-to-be, Evelyn Rudd, in the fall of 1937. Evelyn was born at Cereal, Alberta, July 11, 1918 and moved with her parents, Torval and Olga Rudd to Ryley, Alberta, then to Roundhill and later, to Camrose. Leif and Evelyn were married on August 16, 1940. They have two sons – Larry (see history) and Robert (see history) and one granddaughter.

Leif and Evelyn spent most of their lives on the farm, although in the fall of 1951, they moved to Fairview, Alberta where Leif worked at the Agriculture School for six months. They then returned to their farm at Bardo. In the fall of 1959 Leif became the elevator agent for the Alberta

Wheat Pool and continued in that position until late summer in 1969. He then worked for Northwestern Utilities Limited, as his son Larry had taken over the farm. In the fall of 1972, Leif and Evelyn moved into their new house in the town of Tofield, and are enjoying their retirement. Leif spends most of his time during the summer on the local golf course.

On August 19, 1990, Leif and Evelyn had the joy of celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, with an open house at the Tofield Community Hall, along with family and many friends. It was truly a great day.



Leif and Evelyn Foshaug family. Back Row: Robert and Donna, Gail and Larry. Front Row: Paula, Evelyn and Leif.

Larry Foshaug History

Larry Foshaug was born in Edmonton, Alberta, the eldest son of Leif and Evelyn Foshaug. He took all his schooling at Anderson School (Bardo). He loves the outdoors and sports but is particularly interested in baseball as he played on the Bardo baseball team for quite a number of years. Larry has always enjoyed hunting and continues to go big game hunting each year.

In December of 1967, Larry married Gail Lauber. They were the first couple to be married in the Bardo Lutheran Church when it was built in Tofield. They lived in Tofield for one year, then moved to the farm Larry had grown up on which had been part of the Nels Jevning land and was homesteaded by Nels' son-in-law, Martin Hansen (NW 6-50-18-W4). This farm had been owned later by his uncle Martin Hagen. Larry and Gail continue to live there. Larry farms and Gail is employed by the County of Beaver as a substitute

teacher. Gail worked as a teacher-librarian at the Tofield School until their daughter Paula was born in 1975. Paula presently attends High School in Tofield and has acquired her father's love for the outdoors.

The past year and a half has been a very eventful one and has brought many changes to our family with Paula's graduation, her marriage to Barry Ollenberg, and the arrival of our first grandchild, Dustin.



Larry, Paula and Barry Ollenberg, Gail – July 31, 1993.

Donna and Robert Foshaug

Donna Foshaug (nee Mosby) was born on December 25, 1952 in the Tofield Hospital. She took all of her twelve years of elementary and High School at the Tofield School, and also enjoyed extracurricular activities such as playing softball and attending Luther League functions. She spent two summers working at Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp.

After graduating from High School in 1970, she attended Camrose Lutheran College (Augustana) for two years and then went on to Edmonton where she attained her Bachelor of Education degree in the spring of 1974. Later that year, on August 3, she married Robert Foshaug who had grown up across the road from her – and had long been the object of great admiration from her! Robert and Donna moved to Edmonton where Robert was employed, and five years later, they bought a house in Fort Saskatchewan. For the past thirteen years they have both been commuting to Edmonton where Robert now works for the University of Alberta, and Donna is employed by Edmonton Transfer Ltd.

In 1989, they bought the Foshaug homestead in Bardo from Leif Foshaug. They have enjoyed spending time there, planting trees and flowers and returning to the 'home' they both so enjoyed while growing up.



Robert and Donna Foshaug.

Robert Foshaug was born on September 25, 1948 in the Tofield Hospital. He attended Anderson School (Bardo) for five years, until the school closed and all the students were taken to the Tofield School.

Robert was very active in sports. He played ball at an early age, always practicing whenever he got together with his cousins and friends. He went on to pitch for the Bardo Athletics and when they weren't playing, he would spend weekends at tournaments playing for any team that wanted an extra pitcher. After his retirement from the Bardo team, he played several years for the Tofield Old Timers at the Provincial Championships.

Robert was also on the basketball team in High School and went on from there to play with the Vikings at Camrose Lutheran College in 1968/69. He also continues to be an avid hunter, particularly enjoying a yearly trip early in November when the hunters take their tents and their guns and 'camp out' in much the same way as their forefathers did. One winter they even braved -40° weather and all at home were very concerned about how they would survive the bitter cold until the hunters called and reminded Robert to please bring out the ice cream for their pies!

Foshaug, Talbert Wallace (by Borghild Rude)

Talbert Wallace, youngest child of Lars and Alma Foshaug was born September 17, 1921 in the Bardo district. He loved to roam in the woods looking for different bird nests. As a small boy he trapped gophers, shot magpies and rabbits. He carried gopher tails, magpie legs and rabbit skins either in his pockets or his Rogers Syrup lunch-pail. The County paid a bounty on tails – one cent

apiece and two cents a pair for legs. Rabbit skins brought seventy-five cents. He enjoyed playing baseball.

Talbert was baptized in the first Bardo Church and confirmed in the Anderson school (the one built in 1910) as the church had been struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

After finishing elementary school he stayed home with his parents, helping with the farm work as well as working out on different jobs until he enlisted in the Armed Forces in World War II in 1942. After war ended he returned home to live with his Mother. He helped on the farm and did carpentry work besides. The urge to trap and hunt gave him the desire to move north to the Peace River country.



Talbert Foshaug family. Back Row: Judy, Roger, Brice. Front Row: Alvina, Talbert.

In LaGlace he met and married Alvina Soiseth in 1950. They tried homesteading at Blue Berry Mountain which was not very profitable so they bought a house in LaGlace. Talbert built a trapper's cabin where he spent part of the winters checking his trap lines, and big game hunting. After a long and painful bout with cancer he died in 1987 at age sixty-five. His wife, Alvina, also had cancer and died four years later at age seventy-one.

Their children – Judy and Gordon Glenn and their three children, Travis, Christopher and Julie Anne live on their farm near Sexsmith.

Roger is single and lives in Grande Prairie.

Brice and wife Cathy and two sons, Shane and Carsen, live near LaGlace. Talbert and Alvina are buried in the Northfield Cemetery.



The Glenn family (nee Judy Foshaug). Travis, Gordon, Julie, Judy and Kristopher.

George and Marjorie Foshaug by Louisa Undin

George Elmer Foshaug was born July 9, 1919 to Alma and Lars Foshaug. George (Dad) was baptized in the Bardo Lutheran Church and attended school in Bardo. His father, Lars Foshaug, passed away when he was a young lad.



George and Marjorie Foshaug.

Dad continued to live with his mother on the farm and help with the farm work.

Dad was enrolled in the Canadian Army in October 1941. He took most of his training in Calgary with some in Camrose. After he was discharged from the army in 1945, he returned to the homestead to live with his mother and work on the farm.

In June 1948, Dad married Marjorie Bailey (Mom), daughter of Bill and Edith Bailey of Tofield. At this time, Mom was working for Kallals in the hardware store in Tofield.

Merlin, Dad's brother, helped Dad build a small two room house on the Foshaug homestead, where the newlyweds thereafter lived.

In the fall of 1948, Albin Anderson knew of a little girl who needed a home to stay in. Mom and Dad decided to take on the responsibility of caring for this small child named Louisa Vikner, from the Wilhemnia area, near Hay Lakes. I (Louisa) moved in with Mom and Dad when I was almost seven years old.

I was born in Edmonton on October 22, 1941 to Frank and Christine Vikner. My father was killed by a team of runaway horses while he was hauling logs and sometime later my mother was hospitalized.

I attended Anderson School the first 3 years and walked or biked 2.5 miles except on days that I cut across the field. I am told that some of the neighbor children were pretty envious of me having a bike. It was a long cold walk during the winter. It was fortunate for me when Dad could drive me to school on some of those cold days. I remember there were times the snow plow wasn't able to get the roads plowed out and we walked over the snowdrifts.

After I got my bike, I rode it in the July 1st Parade in Tofield and received 1st prize. I know my parents put a lot of time and effort into decorating this bike and also making me an outfit to wear when riding it.

The bus started coming to pick up students within a half mile of home, because the Ingram School closed, so then I started going to Tofield School. This was quite a change from the 2 room school house which taught all grades. The remainder of my schooling was taken in Tofield. While still attending school, I started to train to be a telephone operator for Alberta Government Telephones. This was quite an experience as many subscribers would ring the phone, ask for a name and expect the operator to know the numbers of all the people in the Tofield exchange. There were

about 20 rural telephone lines with up to 20 parties on each line. This didn't include all the town businesses and residences. Later I moved to Grande Prairie to work for A.G.T. and because the equipment was more modern, it was so much simpler. In 1962, I married Rudolf Undin (see Rudolf Undin history).

On June 15, 1950, Gwendolyn was born to Mom and Dad. She now has two children; Noel (born October 31, 1970) and Bernadette (September 5, 1974). They now reside in Shellburne, Ontario.

Dad and Mom moved their house, across the road to the land that Dad owned, in 1952. Later that year on November 13, 1952, Glenda was born. She married Wally Hagerman on April 15, 1972. They have five children; Scott (April 1, 1973), Heather (January 17, 1976), Robert (October 20, 1979) and the twins; Deanna and Daniel (February 1, 1988). Glenda and her family now live in the Millet area.



George and Marjorie Foshaug family. Taken on August 21, 1985, (the day of George's funeral), at the Lars Rude home. Standing: Wally and Glenda Hagerman, Gwendolyn Fortier, Louisa Undin, Michael Foshaug. Seated: Marilyn and Marjorie Foshaug.

In 1959, Dad and Mom moved to Tofield. Dad worked for the Canadian National Railway and then as a Milkman for Palm Dairies. On August 9, 1962, Marilyn was born. Mom and Dad's first son, Michael, was born on July 26, 1964. Both Marilyn and Michael now reside in Calgary.

Dad lived in Tofield until the time of his passing on August 16, 1985, and is interred in the Bardo Cemetery.

Foshaug, Merlin Palmer

(by Borghild Rude)

Merlin Palmer, third son of Lars and Alma Foshaug was born in the Bardo district April 8, 1916. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church. After finishing elementary grades at the Anderson school, he stayed at home, helping with the farming and working at carpentry jobs in the area. He, like his brothers, collected gopher tails and magpie legs and shot rabbits. He was especially fond of fishing and drove out to Pigeon Lake where he hauled in lots of Whitefish. On February 18, 1942 he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and was seriously wounded in action December 10, 1944 when part of a shrapnel lodged in his neck. This caused much pain for the rest of his life. After being hospitalized and having endured many operations for five months, he was sent back to Canada and was granted an honourable discharge on September 5, 1945. He remained single and took up farming and carpentry work again. He lived with his mother. On March 21, 1954 he was instantly killed in a car-train crash on the railway crossing east of Tofield.



Merlin Foshaug, fishing at Pigeon Lake, 1954.

The Claude Gallinger Saga

The information for this history was taken from the book, "Claude Gallinger and his Shorthorns" - 1957, with permission from Glenbow Archives, Calgary, Alberta (M3963).

Claude Gallinger, the oldest of six children, was born at McDonald's Corners, Ontario, to Mr.



Four Generations. Jacob Gallinger, grandson Wilber, Jacob's son Claude and great-granddaughter Kathryn.

and Mrs. Jacob Gallinger, in 1881. He came from a working class, Presbyterian family and gained practical education working in his father's blacksmith shop at the age of seventeen.

Just before Christmas of the year 1899, the eighteen year old Claude arrived in Strathcona on the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Edmonton was across the North Saskatchewan River. Mr. Robert Lee, a merchant from Claude's hometown had started a grain-buying partnership with Mr. Ross in Edmonton. Claude was offered a job keeping books and doing general office work for \$20.00 per month and found (Board and Room). However, the Ross Brothers Hardware Company offered \$35.00 per month so young Claude changed jobs. He worked for this company for several years. In 1903, Claude had the pleasure of drifting down the North Saskatchewan River on a lumber raft. It was a combined business and holiday trip. He enjoyed using a small row boat to glide ahead of the raft and wait for it to catch up. The river raft passed small clearings and landing sites nestled in the dark green woods along the shore. There were four passengers plus six metis with poles to keep the raft off the sandbars.

The trip took approximately four days to reach Fort Pitt, which once was an important Hudson's Bay Fort. Here Claude obtained a horse and rode the twenty-five miles to Lloydminster, returning the next day. He then learned that he had to ride to Battleford, one hundred miles east of Fort Pitt. The round trip of two hundred miles was covered in three days of riding horseback. Quite an undertaking!

By 1904, Mr. R. Lee had turned from grain to

real estate and offered Claude an opportunity in land speculation. A real estate company was formed with four partners - Lee, Gallinger, W.I. Crafts and J.R. Black. This was Claude's real beginning as a business man. In 1904, the firm became known as Crafts, Lee and Gallinger. A great deal of land in the Tofield area was sold to Mennonite farmers from the U.S.A.

Coal had been located near Tofield. In 1906, the three partners and Black purchased Section 26 - Township 50 - Range 19 - West 4 from the Hudson Bay Company for \$6.25 - more than twice the regular price of land at the time. The Tofield Coal Company was formed as a limited company in December, 1906. Shaft mining started in 1907 and coal was hauled by wagon as there was no railroad service until 1908. When strip mining began, a spur was built right into the mine from the railway line going south of Tofield to Camrose. Now coal was loaded into the box cars from the face of the seam of coal.

Mr. Lee died in 1925 and the real estate business declined but the Tofield Coal Company carried on until 1929 when Claude bought out the Lee estate as well as Mr. Craft's share. In November, 1929, Claude formed a private company which continued until the spring of 1956 when it closed as there was no longer a good market for coal.

Mr. Gallinger became known as one of the most astute business men in Alberta and became a member of the advisory board of the Royal Trust Company in Edmonton in January, 1941.

While the Tofield Coal Company was in operation by the firm and as early as 1915 a decision was made to run commercial cattle on the reclaimed mine land where grass grew as well as ever. When Claude took over the mine himself, he changed from commercial cattle to purebred.

Mr. Gallinger's farming experience started in 1923 or 1924 when he bought an improved farm two miles north of Tofield on the shores of Beaver Lake. Here he hired a man to run the farm and ran commercial cattle and sheep for several years. He sold the sheep in 1926 and disposed of the property.

Purebred Herefords and purebred Shorthorns were raised simultaneously during the depression years. However, Mr. Gallinger preferred the Shorthorn breed so for several reasons he decided to sell the Hereford herd. The dispersal sale was held in 1935.

Mr. Gallinger was fortunate to obtain the services of George Cummings, who was known to

be a first-rate herdsman. He had a way with animals and the progress during the next ten years was attributed largely to his ability.

The name "Killearn Farms" was chosen because it was the name of the village in Scotland where his second wife was born. Killearn was also the place where Gallinger's foundation stock came from.

With the expansion of his herd and his name Killearn gaining in reputation, Mr. Gallinger needed to expand. Gold Bar Farm, the old D.W. Warner estate at Clover Bar, was purchased in 1938 with the rest of the original land purchased in 1941. He lived there and managed the place himself. Gold Bar Farm was sold to McClab Construction in October, 1955, and another farm was purchased near Stoney Plain, Alberta. George Cummings continued to run the Killearn farm at Tofield.

In 1943, Mr. Gallinger purchased the Two Dot Ranch (Minto Ranch) near Nanton, Alberta. George Cummings was installed as manager after he returned from World War II. Besides the herd of cattle on this ranch, Mr. Gallinger had a herd of purebred Belgian horses, which were used for work on the ranch. When not in use they romped and grew fat. They were kept as a hobby.

All land holdings, with the exception of the Killearn Farms at Tofield, Alberta, were sold prior to Mr. Gallinger's death in 1965. His grandsons, Claude Jr. and Michael inherited Killearn Farms. By 1967 the decision was made to disperse the Shorthorn herd in order to simplify the farming operations.

In all his business dealings, Mr. Gallinger was well-liked and respected.

The Gallinger Family (by Michael Gallinger)

Mr. Claude Gallinger Sr. married the daughter of his partner, W.I. Crafts in 1908. They had two children - Wilbur (born July 17, 1909), and Margaret (born May 26, 1911). Mrs. Gallinger died in 1924.

Jean Galbraith, of Killearn, Scotland, became Mrs. Claude Gallinger in 1927. She died in 1958.

Wilbur worked in the mine as a young man and later managed the coal mine and the farm until his passing in 1966.

Wilbur and Dorothy McGarvey of Edmonton, Alberta, were married on August 9, 1938. They lived on the SW 1/4-36-50-19-W4. After Wilbur's death, Dorothy continued to live on their home place until she passed away in 1980.

Three children were born into this family -



Curtis, Dana, Betsy-Ann and Claude Gallinger.

Kathryn, Claude and Michael. Kathryn died in early childhood.

Claude and Michael both attended the Tofield Public School and after graduation both attended the Vermilion Agricultural and Vocational College, after which they farmed together, and remain partners in the farming operation.

Claude married Betsy-Ann Schultz, daughter of Harold and Lilly Schultz, in 1966. They lived on Killearn Farms until they moved to British Columbia in 1979. Two children, Curtis (born November 27, 1970) and Dana (born March 29, 1972) completed their family. They were both born while their parents were living at Tofield. Both children are presently attending Mount Royal College in Calgary, Alberta.

Michael graduated from the Vermilion Agricultural and Vocational College in 1966 and married Darlene Wells, from Marsden, Saskatchewan, in 1967. Darlene had also graduated from the Vermilion College in 1966. They moved onto Killearn Farms and continued farming with brother Claude.

Two children were born to Michael and



Michael, Sean, Kristin, Darlene and her sister, Marilyn.

Darlene. A son, Sean Michael, was born on December 22, 1967 and a daughter, Kristin April was born on April 14, 1970. Both graduated from the Tofield High School. After graduation, Sean attended the University of Alberta and obtained a degree in Business Management. Kristin is presently working in Edmonton, Alberta.

In the mid 1970's, Darlene decided to pursue a career in the field of Education. She attended the University of Alberta and is presently teaching Junior High school in Tofield.

Margaret, daughter of Claude Gallinger Sr. lived with her father on the Gold Bar farm. After completing her education she worked as Secretary and Record Keeper for her father's various enterprises. The office was located in the old Benson Block (owned by Mr. Gallinger) on 101st Street in Edmonton.

Margaret was never married.

Clare Good Family

by Jane Good

On April 16, 1963, we moved from Carstairs to the previously-owned, well-kept farm of Menno and Barbara Wideman. We were filled with mixed emotions of sadness and excitement as we saw the last load of cattle pull onto our Carstairs driveway. It had been snowing lightly when we started loading the livestock, but by the time we were ready to leave, a spring storm had deposited a foot of fresh snow. A ban was to go on the roads the next day which would mean a four to six week delay in transporting the cattle, so the drivers decided to proceed with me following in the car.

As we travelled, we soon encountered two feet of heavy, wet snow and poor visibility. Several times we considered going back as the trucks developed motor problems and iced up, but the prospect of retracing our path through the deep slush wasn't appealing either so we continued on. By Lacombe, there was less snow and in Leduc, the sun was shining and there was no snow. We arrived in Tofield late in the afternoon which gave the cattle time to warm up and dry off.

Slowly our family adapted to our new home, new schools and community. We chose to go to the Salem Mennonite Church which at first seemed overwhelmingly big. Soon strangers became friends and we felt part of the fellowship. Over the years, we have enjoyed serving in many capacities. The family of my stepfather, Simon Stalter, included us as part of their family which meant much to us. Relatives and former friends have faithfully continued to visit us over the years.

On June 7, 1969, Wanda married Derril Boettger. They have three children, Bruce, Lisa and Ryan. In 1991, they purchased Eldon Boettger's farm and Derril and Bruce farm together.

On November 12, 1977, Myron married Cheryl McMann. In 1979, they moved to the farm where they presently live. Myron is engaged in farming and metal fabrication while Cheryl is the assistant manager at the Bank of Montreal, Tofield.

On July 25, 1981, Charlene married Darrel White. They live in Edmonton and have two children, Darren and Kristen. Darrel is a computer analyst with Blue Cross and Charlene works as a part-time legal secretary.

In 1980, Clare and I had the privilege of spending one year in Papua New Guinea serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We enjoy travelling and have been to the British Isles, land of my forefathers, and to Europe from where Clare's ancestors come.

Bardo and area, we are proud to have lived among you. Truly we have been blessed.



The Clare and Jane Good family, 1992. Standing: Cheryl and Myron Good, Darrel and Charlene White, Bruce, Lisa, Derril and Wanda Boettger. Front: Kristen White, Clare and Jane, Darren White, Ryan Boettger.

Arthur and Donna Gunderson

(by Arthur)

Arthur Edward Gunderson was born at Redcliff, Alberta on November 6th, 1919, and his early life was spent on his parents' farm north of Redcliff, Alberta until he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on January 2nd, 1941, serving with the police force in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba.

Donna Ilene Henry (Gunderson) was born at Shergrove, Manitoba on May 8th, 1925 and after completing high school, went to work in Ste. Rose

du Lac, Manitoba at La Banque du Royal de Canada, with a banking staff of three.

In the fall of 1944 Arthur Gunderson was transferred to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment at Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba. He cashed his paycheque at this bank with Donna Henry acting as the bank teller, and was short-changed a dollar, which Donna immediately corrected. That made a lasting impression on Arthur.

This led to a continued friendship even though Arthur was transferred to various detachments. He finally popped the question, and two weeks later in 1945, Donna agreed to the marriage proposal and they were married on July 10th, 1946.

On January 2nd, 1947 Arthur Gunderson resigned from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force, and a couple of months later they moved to a 320 acre farm south-east of the Bardo Church in the Tofield, Alberta district, just bordering on the east side of Clarence and Borghild Rude's farm.

During the next four years they had various luck with crops, from a severe hail storm that broke the west windows of the house, with a few stones going right through the curtains and blinds and marking the floor on the other side of the rooms, to a flood rain of four inches that flattened the beautiful barley crop, and one crop frosted.

As they felt they could do better in southern Alberta in farming, they advertised the farm on an early morning Edmonton radio show that carried free listings of property and goods for sale. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hart heard this early morning message and bought the farm from Arthur and Donna in late January 1951, at which time this farm was buried deep in winter snow. In February, 1951 the Gundersons auctioned off the farm equipment, cattle, sheep and horses and the place was still buried in snow.

Both Arthur and Donna had made a lot of good friends in the Bardo and surrounding districts, with their friends pulling a very pleasant surprise farewell party on the evening before they left for southern Alberta.

After leaving the Bardo area, Arthur and Donna farmed at Bowell, Alberta, ranched at Kettle Valley, B.C., and farmed at Fort Macleod, Alberta. Arthur then joined the Employment Branch of the Unemployment Insurance Commission at Medicine Hat in 1958, serving in Medicine Hat and Edmonton until 1965, at which time they sold the Fort Macleod farm. They then purchased the Saratoga Beach Resort, Campbell



Arthur and Donna Gunderson.

River, Vancouver Island, selling it in 1970, and then purchased a 26 acre orchard on the south side of Creston, B.C. where they developed the Creston Valley Mobile Park.

After several trips to the south Pacific, they immigrated to Australia in July 1983, where they had bought a 1050 acre grain farm near Moree, New South Wales five years previously, and which they sold shortly after arriving down-under. They bought a small farm near Nobby, Queensland and traded it for the present 600 acre grain farm at Oakey, west of Toowoomba, Queensland where they now reside in October, 1991.

Arthur and Donna were blessed with three sons – Brian was born at Camrose, Alberta (October 5, 1947), Terrance born at Medicine Hat, Alberta (November 19, 1951), and Joseph born at Tonasket, Washington (July 21, 1956). At the present time, Brian is General Manager of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Hong Kong. Terrance and Joseph became accountants, with Terrance owning a one-third share of a Vancouver accounting firm, and Joseph owning a half-share of a Prince George, B.C. accounting firm.

Gunder and Emma (Viken) Hagen by granddaughter Diane Rude

Emma Viken was born in Trøms, Norway on July 21, 1886. She and her mother, Sigrid Viken, emigrated to Canada in 1902 with her aunt and uncle, Ingebrigt and Ane Haugseth, and they settled in the Bardo district. Her mother, Sigrid, moved to the U.S.A. after living in Bardo, re-married an Olson and had two more children; Ed and Mary.

Emma met Gunder Hagen while visiting Ole



Gunder and Emma Hagen.

and Martheas Hagen. Gunder Hagen was born in Elverum, Norway (north of Bardu) on September 30, 1882 and came to the U.S.A. with his parents the following year, settling in Minnesota. Gunder and Emma Hagen were married on January 15, 1909 in Bardu by Bersvend Anderson. After being married, they lived in the Pleasington district of Forestburg on Gunder Hagen's homestead. They raised a family of 9 children: 4 girls – Mabel, Signe, Hazel, Vivian; and 5 boys – George, Norman, Bernard, Olaf, and Gene; another daughter died in infancy.

Gunder passed away on March 11, 1960 at the age of 78. After this, Emma (known as Grandma Hagen) lived with her daughter, Signe and Palmer Boness in Kingman, before entering Bethany Nursing Home in Camrose until her passing on November 21, 1967 at the age of 81. Of the 9 children, Mabel, Signe, George, and Olaf have passed away.

Hagen, Ole G. and Marthea

Mr. and Mrs. Ole G. Hagen were married in Elverum, Norway. They immigrated to the U.S.A. in the 1880's. In 1902 they left Plummer, Minnesota and arrived in the Ryley district, there to make their home. They homesteaded SW1/4-30-50-16-W4, where the village of Haight was later located. Ole and Marthea had a family of five



Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hagen.

boys – George, Martin, Olaf, Ingvald and Oscar. They moved to the Bardu district in 1906 where they purchased the Martin Hansen homestead, NW1/4-6-50-18-W4.

In 1913, the Peace River called out to those with an adventurous spirit and a desire to find land of their own. George and Martin, together with a group of men from Bardu, travelled north. These two filed on homesteads in the LaGlance area. George continued to farm 'up north' until he retired in 1963. He passed away in 1968.

Martin returned to help his folks on the farm when his brother, Olaf answered the call of his country to serve in the Armed Forces during WW 1. He died at sea in 1918 enroute to England.

Ingvald and Oscar both died while still teenagers. Ole Hagen, the father, passed away in 1921.

Martin married Agnes Rud of Camrose, Alberta in 1940. They lived on and farmed the homeplace. Martin's mother, Marthea, had lived with him and then with Martin and Agnes until her death in 1945.

Hagen, Martin and Agnes

(information given by Agnes Hagen)

Martin was born September 21, 1893 in Plummer, Minnesota to parents, Ole and Marthea Hagen. He came with his parents to the Ryley district in 1902. In 1906, the family moved to the Bardo district where he farmed with his Dad.

Martin was treasurer of the Bardo Lutheran Congregation for twenty years, as well as for the rural telephone association for the same length of time. He travelled around the country with his own threshing machine working for the neighbors near and far.

Agnes Rud was born in DesLacs, North Dakota, June 18, 1911. She moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Rud, to Cereal, Alberta when she was six years old. Agnes attended school in Cereal, Ryley, Bathgate, Standard and Meldal. She worked at housework, as a waitress, and in 1938-1939 at the Bethany Old Folks Home in Bawlf, Alberta.

An interesting time during her younger days was being part of a Hawaiian string band that consisted of her brother and two younger sisters. They, along with some friends, played and sang in various churches and at other events.

On November 15, 1940, Martin Hagen and Agnes Rud were joined in Holy matrimony. They lived on the farm in Bardo until Martin's sudden death in 1952 from a heart attack.



Agnes holding Neil; Martin and Donna Hagen, 1950.

Martin and Agnes had three children – Donna Mae (b. 1941 – d. 1941), Donna, (b. 1943), married Henk Jansen. They live in the Kelowna, B.C. area and have two boys, Greg and Darren. Henk works at the Overwaite Store in Kelowna, doing night maintenance. Both daughters were born in Edmonton, Alberta.

The third child is Neil (b. 1949). He was born in Tofield, Alberta. Neil married Dianne Laird of Edmonton. They live in Camrose and have two children, Scott and Heather. Neil works as an accountant at Camrose Stelco.

After Martin's death, Agnes and the children moved to Camrose to live with Agnes's Dad, Thorvald Rud. His wife had passed away in the winter of 1952.

Agnes enrolled in a one year typing and office practice course at the Camrose Lutheran College. She was then employed as Alumni Secretary at the College, a position she held until she retired in 1976. Agnes moved into the Heritage Manor in Camrose on November 14, 1981.

Philip and DeAnne Harms

Philip was raised in Calgary, Alberta, most of his first sixteen years. He then attended Lutheran Canadian Bible Institute in Outlook, Saskatchewan, where he met several people from the Tofield area.



Phil and Dee Harms, 1992.

After his schooling, he worked for a year in Saskatchewan, then returned to Calgary for the next three years. Philip then moved to Edmonton where he is currently employed.

DeAnne (Kuhns) was raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, and lived there until 1984 when she moved to Columbia, South Carolina.

In the summer of 1989 DeAnne attended the Reil Family Reunion in Tofield, with her parents Dean and Dorothy (Reil) Kuhns, where she met Philip.

Philip and DeAnne were married in December of 1989 in South Carolina while he was there on vacation and DeAnne moved to the Tofield area in April of 1990.

In 1992 Philip and DeAnne bought an acreage seven miles south of Tofield on S.E. 1/4-35-49-19-W4.

The Lloyd Hart Family

(by Verna Hart)

We bought the Art Gunderson farm in February of 1951, which was a year of very heavy snowfalls. The children were especially delighted with the creek banks to go sliding and skiing down in the winter.

We moved in the late fall from my Uncle Joe Stauffer's farm which we had rented for five years. On the day we moved, instead of going miles around, we went straight west across the slough road. Lloyd went ahead with a load of hay to entice the cattle across. I followed behind in the half ton truck with Ann Marie, (b. 1947), Daniel Alfred (b. 1948) and James Lloyd, (b. 1949). I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving when we reached the other side as the ice was across the road and was really cracking the last quarter mile.



Lloyd Hart family. Back Row: Clifford, Lloyd, Ann, Verna, Jim. Front Row: Allen, Dan. Ann's wedding – October 24, 1967.

It was a joy to be in our own home with so many trees and shrubs around it. The place looked like a winter wonderland when it was covered with frost.

Here we lived for the next thirty-one years. We experienced a lot of joy and also some sorrow. Clifford John was born in 1953, Stanley Allen in 1954, (he passed away in 1955) and Allen Dale was born in 1956.

Ann finished her schooling at Western Mennonite School. She met a boy named Marvin Diener and on October 28, 1967, she became Mrs. Marvin Diener. They reside in Oregon City and Marvin is driving for "Raz", doing bus tours which often bring him up to Banff, Jasper, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. They have two children, Kurtis Lee and Debra Marie, who are attending college this year. Marvin and Ann are also grandparents.

Dan married Velma Liebig of Red Deer in 1970. They lived in several places and decided to settle in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. They have two daughters, Lori and Tracy.

James married Bonnie Kielbach in 1977. They have four children – Jennifer, Ryan, Crystal and Jonathan. Since I had a heart attack in 1987, I turned the farm over to them, as they had lived in our yard and were familiar with the operation of the farm.

Cliff was married to Julianna Dewald in 1972. They had a daughter Pamela and a son Clifton. They were divorced in 1977.

Cliff and Debbie Wilson were married in 1980. They have two daughters, Devon and Jay Lynn. Cliff is in the trucking business and they live in Sherwood Park.

Allen was married to Joanne Bellerive in 1980. They have two daughters – Christine and Lisa. Allen drives a picker truck. They also live in Sherwood Park.

All of the children except Allen went to Anderson (Bardo) School. He was bused to the Tofield school as the Anderson School was closed in 1959. I also had attended Anderson school in my early teen years to take my High School grades.

The boys are all farmers at heart, but like their Dad, they are also mechanically inclined and enjoy operating big equipment. Jim likes building roads, and the equipment that goes with it. Dan has logging equipment and works in that field. Cliff has a big bed truck and Allen, a 12 ton picker truck. Cliff and Allen often travel all over western Canada, from one end to the other, often on the same job.

I would like to give a big bouquet to Bonnie who graduated in Education from the University of Alberta this year (1991), besides caring for four children and helping on the farm.

Lloyd became ill in the fall of 1981. After a lengthy stay in the W.W. Cross Institute and then in the Tofield Hospital, he passed away on September 7, 1982. I stayed with Lloyd during this time, as they wished to do tests on him which might extend his life, or at least be helpful to others. He signed the paper, a living guinea pig. Though he suffered much, he seldom complained. We also lost our house by fire during this time. We appreciate all the people that helped us. Thank you.

Haugen, Halvor and Gjertrude

(by Gladys Ness)

The Haugen family immigrated from Norway to the United States where they remained for one year, and then moved to Bardo, Alberta, Canada. They homesteaded the NW1/4-12-50-19-W4, in 1894 along with many other Norwegian immigrants. The family consisted of Halvor,



Halvor and Gjertrude Haugen. Peter, Inger, Marit, Marie.

Gjertrude, their son Pete, and their three daughters, Ingrid, Marit and Marie.

Halvor Haugen was a very skilled carpenter and helped in the construction of many of the pioneer's original log cabins, as well as his own home. He also helped in the construction of the log cabin which is now in the Camrose Museum site. He constructed furniture, and several pieces of his furniture are still in use by members of the Horte family. All of the furniture was hand carved and is very unique considering the only tool available at that time was his jack-knife.

Halvor had a keen sense of humor, such as the time he said he was looking for a rope with a cow at the end of it. He also had a talent for sketching, and often would sketch the likeness of someone in a crowd.

Gjertrude Haugen was a very kind and helpful person – a real asset to the pioneer community. There were no doctors or hospitals for miles and since all her children were born in Norway, she was free to be a mid-wife when doctors were not available. At these times she gave up the help of one of her own daughters to aid those mothers whom she thought needed them more than she did. As a result her own daughters were hardly ever home to help her.

Halvor was often building log houses for neighbors in the community as they were all homesteaders, so Gjertrude was left to milk cows and keep the home fires burning. Everything was done the hard way, such as churning butter, making mœsmør, flatbrød and lefse, etc. Their main food was wild berries, game, fish and garden vegetables.

They fought mosquitoes in the summer and cold and snow in the winter. The children had two and one-half miles to walk to school so they had to have warm clothes.

Pete Haugen, the only son, married Amanda



Tofield Garage – Haugen and Lerbekmo.



Halvor and Gjertrude Haugen, Marie and George Qualley, Marit and Thor Horte, Inger and John Ness, Granddaughters – Irene and Gladys Horte.

Johnson. They lived in Tofield, where he operated a garage for many years, before moving to LaGlace where he established a garage business. As a hobby he constructed a model 'Threshing Machine', and also built one of the first 'Ham Radio Sets'.

Ingrid Haugen married John Ness. They spent many years on the farm in Bardo.

Marie Haugen married George Qualley and lived all her married life at Hughenden.

Marit Haugen married Thor Horte and resided in Bardo and Kingman.

Halvor passed away at the age of sixty and Gjertrude quite a few years later at the age of eighty-four.

Thor and Marit's family were the only grandchildren except for Pete and Amanda's adopted daughter, Florence. Their farm was a favorite place for their grandchildren to visit.

Grandpa always had 'spekka-kjøtt' (dried meat) which he had stored in the grain bin. He could hardly slice it fast enough for the mouths that were there to eat it.

Haugen, Ananias and Marie

(by Alice Stokkan)

Ananias Haugen was born in Hardanger, Norway in 1869. In 1889 he immigrated to the United States. He worked in several localities in Iowa, Michigan and California. In Michigan he worked as a blaster in a coppermine at 3000 feet under Lake Michigan. In 1910, he owned a farm in LaCrosse, Washington, and the following year he went back to Norway where he married Marie Brekke. They returned to Washington and the following year their son, Arthur was born.

In November, 1911, they sold their farm and



Mr. and Mrs. Ananias Haugen.

moved to Canada. They settled in the Amisk Creek district, just two miles north and one mile east of the Anderson School in the Bardo Community, where Mr. Haugen purchased a section of land. They had seven more children after moving to the district. They are: Alice, Thora, Olive, Clara, Lilly, Olaf and Marie.

The family attended the Amisk Creek Lutheran Church. Mrs. Haugen was active in the Amisk Creek Ladies Aid. Mr. Haugen was active in the Co-op movement. He was one of the first members on the Board in 1927 and 1928. The Haugens resided in the Amisk Creek area until their passing. Mr. Haugen died in 1949 and Mrs. Haugen in 1961.

The Arthur Haugen Family

(By Arthur Haugen)

Arthur attended Ingram and Anderson (Bardo) Schools, and Camrose Lutheran College. He has farmed in the district since his youth, first with his father and then with his sons. In 1954 he married Loretta Rab, a nurse at the Tofield Hospital. They had seven children – Terence, Sharon, Donna, Lorne, Elizabeth, Denise and Gregory. Gregory, born in 1969, is exactly one hundred years younger than his grandfather Ananias.

Terence (Terry) – (b. November 14, 1954) graduated from Tofield High School in 1972, and went farming with his father and later with his brother Lorne. He married Lois Rude on November 1, 1980. They have four children – Alissa (b. October 5, 1982), Dalen (b. August 22, 1984), Nadine (b. January 8, 1987), and Evan (b. December 19, 1988). They live on the old Haugen



Arthur Haugen family. Back Row: Gregory, Elizabeth, Lorne, Denise, Sharon, Terence. Front Row: Arthur, Loretta, Donna.

farmstead. As of writing, Terence passed away suddenly on December 30, 1991.

Sharon (b. June 6, 1956) attended Tofield School and graduated in 1974. She then went to Red Deer College for one year and then went into nursing at the University of Alberta Hospital and graduated in June 1978. She married Robert Heigh on November 7, 1982. They have a foster daughter Kim, and two sons – Luke (b. July 10, 1990) and Andrew (b. August 11, 1991) They operate a summer resort at Marie Lake, near Grand Centre, Alberta. Sharon works part time as a community health nurse.

Donna (b. January 12, 1961) graduated from Tofield School in 1979, and went on to pursue a career in nursing. She graduated from the University of Alberta Hospital in June 1983, and is currently working there. On August 4, 1990 she married Richard Mallach, a university student working on his education degree. They have a daughter, Karla Marie, born on December 29, 1991, and presently live in Edmonton.

Lorne (b. August 6, 1962) graduated from Tofield School in 1980. After graduation, he pursued a career in farming with his brother Terence. He married Lynn Fraser on August 1, 1986, a nurse at the Tofield Hospital, and they have three children Robyn (born July 2, 1987), Lauren (b. May 12, 1989), and Erik (b. July 22, 1991). They live on the Art Haugen farm.

Elizabeth (b. October 3, 1964) also graduated from Tofield High School in 1982, and then received a degree in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta. She presently lives and works in Edmonton as a pharmacist for Safeway.

Denise, (b. October 6, 1966) graduated from Tofield School in 1984, and then went to Camrose Lutheran College. She then finished her Education degree at the University of Alberta in 1989. She is presently living and teaching in Edson, Alberta

Gregory (b. August 31, 1969) graduated from Tofield School in 1987. He went on to Camrose Lutheran College for one and one half years and then on to NAIT where he obtained a certificate in meatcutting in May 1991. He lives in Edmonton and is presently a meatcutter for IGA.

Stokkan, Olav, Alice and Family

(by Alice and daughter, Marlene)

Olav Stokkan was born in Asen, Norway, in 1904. In 1928 he immigrated to Canada and worked in several locations in Alberta and British Columbia before he settled on a farm, north of Shonts, Alberta, in 1938. In 1938 he married Alice Haugen and moved to a farm two miles from Alice's parents' home place. They have continued to reside there.

Alice, born 1913, to Ananias and Marie Haugen, attended Ingram school and then, being the oldest girl, stayed home to help her mother with the work, since there was a large family to care for. Alice remembers the family enjoyment in singing at church, and their evenings of singing at home with the accompaniment of organ, guitar, violin and banjo.

Alice and Olav had twin daughters, Marlene



Olav Stokkan family. Arlene Rude, Alice and Olav Stokkan, Marlene Hunter. Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary – June, 1988.



Bob and Marlene Hunter family. Rhonda Blume, Marlene, Robert, Cheryl Loewen.

(Mrs. Robert Hunter) and Arlene (Mrs. Dale Rude). Marlene and Arlene attended school in Ingram, Anderson and Tofield.

Marlene became a secretary, and has worked in a law office, municipal office and is presently working as a school secretary. She married Robert Hunter of Tofield in 1959 and moved to Carstairs, Alberta, where Bob was employed by Alberta Gas Trunk Line for five years and then Home Oil Company, where he is presently employed. They have two daughters – Cheryl and Rhonda.

Cheryl is a Consultant in Gas and Electricity, and a graduate of the University of Alberta. She is married to Mark Loewen of Didsbury, Alberta. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a Masters Degree and MIT in Boston, MA with a PhD in Hydrodynamics and Ocean Engineering. They presently reside in Boston, MA.

Rhonda is a Business Manager in Finances and is married to Dwayne Blume of Oyen, Alberta. He has a degree in Business Administration. He is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. They presently reside in Crossfield, Alberta and are employed in Carstairs. They have one daughter – Carmen Rae.

Arlene graduated from the Royal Alexandra Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. She nursed in Edmonton, Vegreville and Lloydminster Hospitals and was employed as a Public Health Nurse for the past ten years for the Minburn Health Unit at Kitscoty, Alberta. Arlene married Dale Rude of Tofield in 1961. Dale is the third son of Emil and Hildur Rude, also of Tofield. Dale was employed by The Alberta Wheat Pool



Dale Rude family. Dale, Arlene, Colin, Karen, Kevin.

in Ponoka, Bittern Lake, Inland and Kitscoty, all in Alberta. He presently lives in Kitscoty and for the past fifteen years he has worked in the Oil and Gas Industry. He is presently employed by Mobile Oil Company. They had two sons and one daughter. Arlene passed away in 1990.

Their son, Kevin, is a graduate of SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) in Aeronautical Engineering. He married Janet Johnstone of Calgary, Alberta. They lived in Cornwall, Ontario where Kevin was employed. He was transferred to Leduc, Alberta in 1992. They have two children - Braeden Dale and Bailea Catherine.

Colin, a graduate of SAIT in Petroleum Technology, is married to Roanna Pearce of Calgary, who is a legal secretary. They have one daughter - Kaila Arlene.

Karen took a hair dressing course in Edmonton and is presently employed as a secretary at Lloydminster, Alberta. She is not married.

The families still gather together on Christmas Eve for the traditional lutefisk supper and various other Norwegian traditions.

Kidder, Everett and Thora (Haugen) (information given by Alice Stokkan)

Thora Haugen, third child of Ananias and Marie Haugen, was born in 1914, in the Amisk Creek District. She grew up on the farm and later attended Camrose Lutheran College and Camrose Normal School. Thora taught at St. Edouard, Alberta and Notikewan, in the Peace River country.

While at Notikewan, Thora met and married Everett Kidder. They moved to Corvallis, Oregon. Three daughters were born to Thora and Everett - Luanne, Deanne and Wendy.



Everett and Thora Kidder. Back Row: Luanne, Deanna. Front Row: Wendy, Everett, Thora.

Thora passed away in April, 1980. She was buried in the Amisk Creek cemetery. Everett passed away shortly after.

George, Douglas and Clara (Haugen) (by Clara)

I, Clara (Haugen) George, the fifth child in a family of eight, was born April 23, 1918 to Ananias and Marie Haugen. We lived just one mile east and two miles north of the Anderson (Bardo) School. I attended Ingram Public School until grade nine and then went to Bardo High School where Loolah Lerbekmo taught.

I worked at the A.O.S. (Air Observer School) in Edmonton and helped the Shaw family in their restaurant in Tofield. In 1943 I married Douglas George of Ministik, who was in the army. He was gone three years. On his return we took over the Service Station (George's Service) from his mother. We sold gas and had a ten seat coffee counter in the new bigger building we built several years later. While at the station we had two children, Robert Douglas and Valerie Mae Marie.

Robert is married to a nurse and has lived in Hawaii since 1977. Valerie is married to Robert Alexander. They live in Edmonton and have two children - Ryan Peter Douglas and Megan Elizabeth.

In 1959 we sold and moved to Edmonton. Doug passed away in April, 1988. As for me, I'm still in my own home. I work two days a week. Most of all I love to be outdoors tending my flowers and enjoying our beautiful nature.



Doug George family. Robert, Clara, Doug, Valerie.

The Harold Schultz Family History

Harold Clifford Schultz, born July 2, 1914, was the second of four children born to Alfred and Maggie (nee Appleby) Schultz. After completing public school, Harold remained on 'Ranch 10', as the family farm was called, to help his father. Maggie Schultz died in 1921.

In December of 1935, Harold left to attend the winter session at the Vermilion School of Agriculture. That same year, Harold's father married Frances Fawcett. In 1942, Harold's stepmother became ill and the family, needing help to care for her, called upon one of the Haugen sisters from Amisk Creek. Lilly Myrtle came to the rescue. Harold was obviously impressed with her efficiency because he married her on November 6, 1943. Love and her bright red hair had a lot to do with it, too.

Lilly, the daughter of Norwegian immigrants, Ananias and Marie Haugen, was born November 24, 1919, and was one of eight children. She attended Ingram and Anderson (Bardo) schools and the Camrose Lutheran College.

Following their marriage, Harold and Lil moved to Edmonton where Harold worked for Bears Ltd. and Lil worked first for Canada Packers and then for the U.S. Engineers who were building the Alaska Highway.

After a year of city life, they chose to return to the farm. Through their married years, both Harold and Lil have been active in their church and community. Harold was instrumental in establishing the Tofield Historical Society in 1961 and served as its president for twenty years. The fact that the family farm had once been part of a Cree encampment and the fields were rich with Indian artifacts, held Harold's interest in the past for many years.

Four children (three redheads!) were born to Harold and Lil. Betsy-Ann was born June 12, 1947. Upon graduating from Tofield High, she



Harold Schultz family. Brian, Lilly, Betsy-Ann, Harold, Fran, Dave. Fortieth Wedding Anniversary, 1983.

attended Northern Alberta Institute of Technology where she received her Dental Assistant diploma. She married her high school sweetheart, Claude Gallinger on October 1, 1966. They have two children -Curtis Claude (born November 27, 1970) and Dana Lauren (born March 29, 1972). In 1979, the family moved from Killearn Farms at Tofield to Crawford Bay, B.C., after purchasing Koanee Springs Golf Resort.

Frances Lynn was born on June 29, 1949, and following High school went on to attend the Christian Leadership Training School in Naramata, B.C. in 1966-67. In 1971 she received her nursing diploma from the University of Alberta and two years later, her nurse practitioner diploma.

Over the next few years she nursed in various Alberta outposts. In 1980, Fran left nursing and moved to B.C. where for the past ten years she has been food and beverage manager for Kokanee Springs Golf Resort.

Born on March 21, 1951 was the third Schultz child, Brian Harold. He, upon graduation from High School, enrolled in a two-year Gas Technology program at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Upon completion of this, Brian was employed for six years in Alberta by various oil companies. In the spring of 1977, Brian moved back to the land to begin the third generation of farming 'Ranch 10'.

David Leslie was born on September 22, 1956. He has been employed by North Western Utilities since graduating from high school. Dave married Treva Nordby of Ryley on August 22, 1987. Treva nurses at the Tofield Health Centre and they have a daughter, Kathryn Lynn, who was born on July 20, 1989. David and his family moved into the eighty-year-old farm house after Harold and Lil became residents in Tofield in 1988.

Runka, Nick and Marie (Haugen)

(by Marie)

Marie, the youngest of eight children in the Ananias Haugen family, was born October 21, 1925. She graduated from high school at Camrose Lutheran College, later obtaining her Teacher's Certificate from the University of Alberta. She taught for three years at Standard School south of Ryley, then later joined the M.D. of Beaver Staff, as Secretary.

Marie met and married Nick Runka in Ryley in 1950. They moved to Wetaskiwin in 1952, then on to Edmonton in 1954 where Nick joined the firm of Weber Bros. Realty specializing in land development.



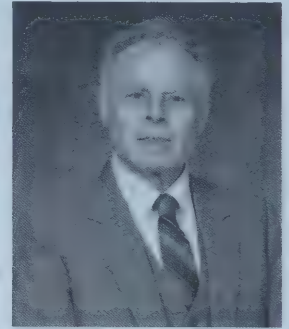
Nick and Marie Runka. Front Row: Cameron, Jim, Darrel.

While raising three sons – Cameron born in Ryley, Darrel born in Wetaskiwin, and Jim born in Edmonton – Marie kept herself closely associated with many aspects of Church work, especially music. She has been a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for thirty-nine years. Cameron married Leah Renault and has two children – Joel is twelve and Stephanie is ten. Darrel is married to Bev Hawreliak and they have three children – Raymond is nine, Robbie is seven, and Carmen is one and a half years. Jim married Tobi Fenton. They have one son – Jonathan is eleven.

Haugen, Olaf

(by Olaf Haugen)

Olaf Haugen attended Ingram School and then farmed on the original home place until 1984, when he moved into Tofield. He sang in the Bardo Male Chorus and sings, composes, and records his own songs for the family's and his own enjoyment. He enjoyed curling for many seasons.



Olaf Haugen.

Henry and Merlene Haugen Family

Henry was born and raised on a farm at Spruce Home, Saskatchewan, twelve miles north of Prince Albert. He took his schooling at Hanna School and completed high school at Prince Albert Collegiate. In September, 1942, he entered Luther Theological Seminary at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, graduated and was ordained into the Lutheran Ministry in May, 1946. He accepted a call to Claresholm in Southern Alberta. This call also included the Milo-Enchant parish.

Merlene was born and raised on a farm at Enchant, Alberta, fifty miles north and east of Lethbridge. She enrolled at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute at Camrose in the fall of 1940 and graduated in 1943. She became very active in church work at home, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible Camp and Youth work. Thus under God, her life became patterned to become a Pastor's wife.

Henry met Merlene at Enchant and they were married June 3, 1947. Four children were born to them while at Claresholm, namely – Carol, Joel, and twins, Sharon and Shirley were born at Banff, Alberta.

Henry accepted a call to the Kingman Parish in 1951 and moved with his family that fall to the new parish. Since this area had been part of the Ryley Parish and just recently established as a separate parish, there was no parsonage available. A house had been purchased in Kingman but extensive renovation and repair was needed before becoming habitable. Meanwhile the Pastor and his

family took temporary residence in a house on the Clifford Anderson (presently Ken Stauffer's) farm at Bardo, quite near the church. The farm house, though adequate in many respects with good construction and room to accommodate a large family, was greatly lacking in modern conveniences. No electricity, no plumbing, a coal-burning cook stove and coal furnace for heating caused much inconvenience, especially when there were four small children to care for. Washing clothes posed a real problem. This was overcome by placing their electric washing machine in the basement of the Bennie Anderson home and Henry became the wash boy. The farmyard provided places and things which the young ones loved as they could expend their vibrant energy. It also had its hazards. The hay loft in the barn had an irresistible attraction. Their most challenging excitement was to dump one another through the feed holes into the manger below.

The work in the Parish progressed quite favorably – a new Parish and a new Pastor with three congregations to serve. Bardo, at that time a rural church, a congregation with a rich and impressive Christian history; Trondhjem, located three miles east and north of Round Hill – later moved into Round Hill; and Salem in the village of Kingman each required the presence of the Pastor throughout the week. Distance was no factor, only eight miles between the churches in each case. The roads, however, were another matter; only clay and dirt construction without any gravel even on the main road between Tofield and Camrose.

A feasible schedule was set up. Besides the weekly Sunday services, there was to be in each congregation, a Confirmation class, a weekly prayer meeting with Bible study and due visitation of members. So the schedule for each week ran like this: Monday – Pastor's day off, Wash day; Tuesday – Trondhjem, Round Hill; Wednesday – Bardo; Thursday – Salem, Kingman; Friday and Saturday being well spent in study and other church activity. Prayer meetings held a high place in the thinking of these good people in all three congregations

There was the move of the family from Bardo to Kingman in the fall of 1952, facilitated by trucks and cars from Bardo and many good hands to make the transit. Arrival in Kingman was with some change in house facilities. Now there was a propane-operated cookstove, a coal furnace equipped with a stoker, but as yet no plumbing. Water provision was by way of the village pump,

with Shirley Wilson, the town handyman, ready to oblige when necessary. But now we had electricity!

Kingman had reached the pinnacle of its growth and development as a little town at that time. At its entrance there stood a sign, "The biggest little town in the west". (This sign has long since been removed.) Located only seventeen miles from Camrose, Kingman had a railway depot with a resident agent; three operating grain elevators; a lumber yard and Hardware; two grocery stores; a cafe, a garage and service station; a school; two churches; a skating rink; even a Barber shop; and each street lined with wellbuilt houses; a clean, thriving little town and a good place to raise a young family. Two children were born to the Pastor's family while at Kingman, Marilyn and Eunice.

An incident that bears telling occurred when the Pastor and his wife were both asked to attend a Church Convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bennie and Anne Anderson were the delegates from Bardo and would provide the car. This posed a real problem for Merliene with five small children to care for. The Bardo Ladies' Aid were quick to arrive at a solution. They hired Peggy Moen to stay at the Parsonage for two weeks while the parents were absent. What a brave, courageous girl Peggy was to undertake such a noble and responsible mission! Merliene has often questioned how she was able to entrust her young children to such an arrangement. Faith can only be the answer, faith in God and faith in people (especially Peggy). You see FAITH has a way of doing things that otherwise humanly-speaking seems absurd and untenable. Anyhow, Merliene and Henry, together with Ann and Bennie had a lovely time. It was an especially good break for Merliene who even visited with relatives at Minneapolis. They also visited Yellowstone National Park while en route home. The children fared really well thanks to Peggy and to the good folk who made it possible.

In the summer of 1959, June through August, Henry took Sabbatical leave from the Parish and enrolled in a Clinical Training Course at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, and Wilmar Mental Hospital, North Dakota. Merliene kept fort at home banking on some aid from the good people of Kingman. She managed exceedingly well not only to care for the six children, two of them now attending school, but also to execute appropriately the finances and business operations that was required for the household.

Not long after completing the Course, Henry received a call from Bethany Home and Hospital at Camrose to be their full time Chaplain. And so after eight and one half years, on February 15, 1960, the family moved to Camrose, to a new home, new surroundings and a new position for Henry. The new home was only one-half block from the Bethany Home. As a matter of interest and so one may compare figures with the present, the following terms were agreed upon for the purchase of the house. The purchase price was fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) and a twenty year mortgage agreement was made with a monthly payment of eighty-two dollars (\$82.00). Naturally the convenience of a modern home in a city with its wide range of services and activities was an exciting experience for all concerned.

Henry's work since leaving Kingman many be summarized as follows: 1960-1966 – Chaplain at Bethany; 1966-1972 – Chaplain-Administrator; 1972-1978 – Administrator. Added to these functions he often served in pulpit supply including some interim ministry at Elk Point and Parkland. He was also much involved in many extra-curricular activities and community services. In 1979-1980, he served as interim Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose. After retirement at Bethany he retained the management of the housing complexes, Wildrose Villa and Heritage Manor until 1985. In the years 1986-1989 he was back in the Parish ministry at Vang Lutheran congregation, Millet, Alberta. Other part-time services have been at Bawlf, St. John's, Wetaskiwin, the Star of Hope Parish, Hughenden area. Presently he is occasionally called for Pulpit supply.

Henry is not about to say, "Behind every good man is a good woman", but he will say, "As goes a pastor's wife, so goes his ministry". Merliene not only "kept the home fires burning", but greatly assisted in Sunday School, youth work, Ladies' Aid (ELW) and Ladies' Auxiliary, just to mention a few services in which she played a stellar (star) role.

Carol, the firstborn, graduated with her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Calgary. After spending a few years teaching in Innisfail and Edmonton, she married Roy Kawanami, a dentist at Leduc, Alberta, where they own a house and have lived ever since. They have three children – Kyle (12), Lena (9), and Kara (6).

Joel, the only son, took his high school at Camrose Lutheran College, playing hockey and football with the College teams. He graduated



Pastor Henry and Merliene Haugen family, 1987. Back Row: Sharon, Joel, Carol, Shirley. Front Row: Eunice, Henry, Marilyn, Merliene, Lois.

from the University of Alberta with his Bachelor of Education degree. His teaching days have been at the Air Base, Medley, where he met his wife, Georgette, also a teacher. They live at Cold Lake and own a house there. They have three children – Mark (16), Darren (14), and Monique (10).

Sharon, one of the twins, graduated with a High School Diploma at Camrose Composite High School. She graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology as a Chemical Technician. Her employment, however, has been at an optical laboratory in Edmonton. She owns and lives in a condominium in Edmonton.

Shirley, the other twin, completed high school at the Composite High School in Camrose, then took training to be a Certified Nurse's Aid. She later took added training to become an Operating Room Technician. She is employed at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. Shirley married Garry Marleu, a teacher. They own and live in a home at St. Albert. They have one daughter, Michelle, who is five years old.

Marilyn also completed her high school and one year of University at Camrose Lutheran College. She graduated from the University of Alberta with her Bachelor of Education degree and taught for a few years before entering Luther Theological Seminary at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology and was ordained ten years ago in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. She has served parishes in McKenzie, B.C., Leader, Saskatchewan and Warburg, Alberta. She married Lidvald Strand, who also became a pastor, but has recently taken Clinical Training to qualify for Chaplaincy. They presently reside in

a country house near New Sarepta. Lid serves as an interim Pastor and Marilyn also is in church activity. They have two children – Lief(4) and Alisa (2).

Eunice completed her high school at Camrose Lutheran College, together with one year University. She graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education degree. She also took Early Childhood Training at University and has taught in Calgary, Lethbridge and Edmonton. She married Neil Querengesser, who graduated from the University of Calgary with his Doctor's Degree in English. He is presently teaching at Concordia College in Edmonton as a full-time professor. They own a house in Sherwood Park and live there. They have one daughter, Angela, who is three years old.

Lois, the youngest child, was born at Camrose. She completed her high school at Camrose Composite High School. She enrolled at the Red Deer College in a course on Rehabilitation Services. After graduating and taking some training with employment at the Mitchener Centre, she became a Community Outreach Worker, working with the mentally retarded. She married Daryl Friesen. They reside in Lacombe, Alberta, and have a seven-month-old son, Adam.

As a concluding statement, Henry and Merlene thank God for a rich and meaningful life and for the opportunity to serve Him and our fellowmen. We are also thankful for our family, who are doing well. In the course of these many years, we have encountered many friends and not the least, the dear friends of Bardo.

The Haugseths

Ingebrigt and Ane Haugseth and foster son, Ingvar, age 14, arrived at Bardo, Alberta from Bardu, Norway in 1901 where Ingebrigt and Ane lived on their farm (NW1/4-7-50-18-W4) until their death. They were both buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Ingvar helped on the farm, and did breaking and threshing with the steam outfit he and his cousin Pete Haugen owned. In April 1914, he married Marie Norgaard. In 1915 they moved to Northfield, Alberta, in the Peace River Country, where he farmed and operated a sawmill and threshing outfit with Pete Haugen. In 1919 he moved back to Bardo, farmed until 1927, then moved back to Northfield. They continued farming there until his retirement in 1947, when he and Marie moved to the hamlet of La Glace.

Marie died March, 1956 at the age of 72.



Seated: Ingebrigt and Ane Haugseth. Standing: Ingward (son), Ingrid Haugen (niece).



Ingward and Marie Haugseth, 1923. Ingmar, Stanley, Ingward, Juliet, Marie, Morley.

Ingvar lived in La Glace until 1971, occupying his time with wood carving. He then moved to Grande Prairie and lived with his daughter, Juliet, until the time of his death in 1986 at the age of 99 years.

Their family consisted of four boys and one girl. Simon, the oldest, was born at Bardo in 1915 and died in 1921. He is buried beside his grandparents at the Bardo Cemetery.



Simon Haugseth, older son of Ingward and Marie. Died at six years of age.

Ingmar was born at Northfield in 1916. In his early years he helped on the farm. He later trained as a mechanic at Pete Haugen's garage. He was a self-employed electrician for many years. The last seventeen years before retirement he was employed as an electrician at the Radar Base at Beaverlodge. Ingmar married Myra Dowie in 1957. They have no children and are presently living in Grande Prairie.



Ingmar Haugseth, W.W. II.

Juliet was born in 1918 at Northfield. She helped on the farm until 1947, then moved to La Glace and started as a clerk at La Glace Co-op, where she became manager. She was with Co-ops for twenty years. She retired and moved to Grande Prairie in 1970 where she still lives.

Morley, born at Bardo in 1920, spent his early life on the farm. He later worked for many years for Hudson Bay Company as manager of the Mens Wear Department at Grande Prairie and Dawson Creek. In 1969 he moved to Vancouver and worked in Mens Wear for the Army and Navy. He later worked for the City of Vancouver until his retirement in 1987. He lived there until shortly before his death in April 1991, at the age of 71 years. He died in Grande Prairie and is buried at Norden Cemetery beside his mother and father.

Ingmar, Juliet and Morley received their first years of schooling at the Anderson School (Bardo), Alberta.

Stanley, the youngest of the family, born in Bardo in 1922, was involved in farming, saw-milling, water and sewer construction, and was Parks Foreman for the City of Grande Prairie. He retired in 1985. In 1950 he married Olive Oiland. Four children were born to this marriage.

Ellen was born in 1951, and married Don Nellis in 1971. They have two daughters – Deanna (1978) and Rena (1977). They live at Dawson Creek, British Columbia. Ellen is employed at a Ladies Shop.

Ann was born in 1955 and married Bob Hall

in 1983. They reside in Grande Prairie and have two sons – Nathan (1985) and Matthew (1989). Ann works at the Dental Shop.

David was born in 1959. He is currently employed with Shell Oil in Calgary. He married Margaret Diggle in 1987. They have two daughters – Kara (1989) and Laura (1991).

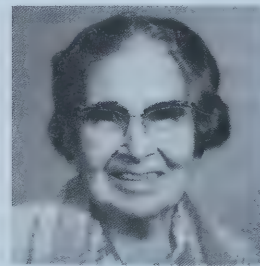
Robert, the youngest, was born in 1962. He is a Journeyman Carpenter working for Dirham Homes in Grande Prairie. In 1986 he married Tracy Stark. They have two sons – Andrew (1987) and Devon (1990).

The Heiberg Family

(by Bernice Heiberg)

Andreas Severin Heiberg came to Canada in 1926 when he was two years old with his parents, Odd K. and Ragna G. Heiberg, from Ringerike, Norway, together with his brother, Eystein who was just two months old. They travelled with Christen and Florence Heiberg and family for about two weeks across the Atlantic Ocean. They landed in Montreal and travelled by train across Canada to the Norwegian settlement of Camrose, Alberta. Odd and Ragna moved to the Bardo district and settled on the Ole Bartness farm.

In 1928 a daughter, Marie Magdalene, was born into the family. Andreas, Eystein and Marie attended the Grand Forks school which was two



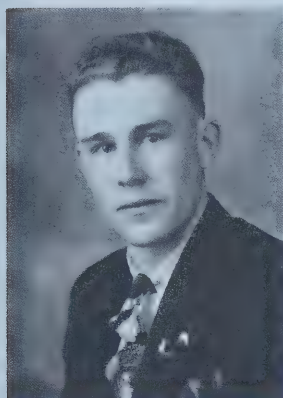
Ragna Heiberg, 1974.



Odd K. Heiberg, father of Andy, Eystein and Marie, 1913.

miles from their home. Andreas, who became known as Andy, received his high school education at Kingman, Tofield, and Camrose Lutheran College.

Eystein attended the Anderson School at Bardo for part of his high school and later enrolled at the Vermilion School of Agriculture.



Eystein Heiberg, 1946.

Marie attended Kingman high school and received Commercial training at Camrose College.

A visit to the neighbors in the wagon or sleigh was an exciting time. An occasional box social and the annual Christmas concert at the school were very special.

A story is told that one day Andy had told Olaf Anderson about the two pigs that they had on the farm, "Per og Paul", (Peter and Paul). So the next time Olaf met Andy he inquired how Per and Paul were. Andy answered, "Dette var Per og Polly for en var en dame gris", meaning one was a girl pig.

Carpet ball at Kingman, five miles away, was one of the main forms of entertainment. A weekly trip was made by Andy and Eystein, walking in after chores, spending the evening, and walking back home. It is important also to mention the hockey game competition, which was very exciting.

Many hardships were endured but the one that was most difficult was the passing of their father, Odd, after an illness of six months in the spring of 1941, leaving Andy at the age of 16, Eystein at 14, and Marie at 12 years of age. Mother Ragna was determined to continue with the farming. She worked very hard and was an excellent cook and seamstress. It was noteworthy how she coped without all the conveniences that she had once enjoyed in her homeland. She was a stately little lady and we loved her.

In 1951 Andy married Bernice Magneson of Ryley, Alberta. I took most of my schooling in Ryley and Commercial training at Camrose

College. I worked in a bank and for the County of Beaver office. It was also at that time that I studied under Mrs. Dorothy Thieme of Holden, and took my piano teacher's exam.

We had four children, namely, Lyle, Grace, Elsa and Gordon.



Andy and Bernice Heiberg – Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, July 1976. Elsa, Grace, Bernice, Andy, Gordon, Lyle.

Eystein lived with and lovingly cared for his mother, Ragna. She was able to travel to Norway on several occasions to visit her brothers and sisters there. Some of her family also came to visit here in Canada and were overwhelmed with the vastness of the land.

In 1956 Marie married Merle (Bud) Dawson and they settled in Peace River. They have two sons – Gary and Brian.

Andy and Eystein farmed together until Eystein's passing on April 14, 1974 at the age of 46 years. It was then that Ragna "Bestemor" came to live with Andy, Bernice and family for five years.

Andy carried on farming with his family and hired hand. In the year 1976 we were awarded the Family Farm Award from Northlands, Edmonton.

In December of 1978, Ragna was taken to Bethany Auxiliary Hospital in Camrose. In February 1979, Andy and Bernice left for Hawaii,



Andy Heiberg's grain system, 1977.

having won the trip. The sudden passing of Andy in Hawaii on February 21, 1979 was a great shock to us. He was active in the Bardo Lutheran Church and community and had a great love for his Lord and Savior.

Ragna Heiberg passed away in Bethany Hospital, Camrose in April 1980 at the age of 86.

After my father, Edwin Magneson, passed away in August 1983, my mother, Myrtle Magneson came to live with me. She is a great "encourager"; her faith and trust in her Lord is steadfast.

I, Bernice, am grateful for the community which I came into and have appreciated the members of our church and community. I have worked with music programs for Sunday School, been the church organist, worked with E.L.W. (Evangelical Lutheran Women) programs, and taught piano lessons through the years.

I know we would not have the comforts today, had it not been for the people before us, who endured. I thank and praise God for His guidance, blessings and protecting care through the years.

Lyle Heiberg and Rebecca Ann (Erickson) Heiberg

Lyle Heiberg was born on July 20, 1952 in Tofield to Andreas and Bernice Heiberg. He took his schooling in Tofield and went on to attend Camrose Lutheran College from 1970 to 1972, and the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose from 1972 to 1974. He then began farming with his father.

Rebecca Ann Erickson was born on May 17, 1954 in Outlook, Saskatchewan, to Merle and Lavera Erickson. She took her schooling in Donalda and Camrose, Alberta. She attended Camrose Lutheran College from 1970 to 1974, the

Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in 1974-75, and the University of Alberta from 1975 to 1977, graduating with a Bachelor of Physical Education degree.

Lyle and Rebecca were married on June 17, 1977 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose, and moved to the Heiberg family farm.

Severin Andreas Heiberg was born March 21, 1979.

Kierstin Rae Heiberg was born November 24, 1980.

Erika Joy Heiberg was born August 11, 1987.

The Heibergs have a mixed farming operation, and raise and show purebred Salers cattle. They are members of the Bardo Lutheran Church and are involved in 4-H, curling, cattle associations and other community affairs. The children attend school in Tofield.



Lyle Heiberg family, 1991. Back Row: Lyle, Severin. Front Row: Kierstin, Erika, Rebecca.

Grace Delores (Heiberg) Schacher

Grace was the first daughter born to Andreas and Bernice Heiberg on August 28, 1955 in Tofield, Alberta. She was raised on a farm about four miles south of the Bardo District School. Her father, Andreas Severin Heiberg, son of Ragna and Odd Heiberg, was born in Norway on October 30, 1924.

His parents moved to Canada when he was two years old. He was a farmer all his life and was also a person who gave his all to his family and his community. It was a very sad day when he suddenly passed away from a heart attack on February 21st, 1979 while vacationing in Hawaii. He is still very much missed. Her mother is Bernice Magneson-Heiberg. She was born in Ryley, Alberta, on December 8, 1925. She attended the Camrose Lutheran College and after marriage became a successful homemaker. She still resides on the Heiberg family farm.

Grace attended the Tofield School from 1960 to 1975. Grace was very active throughout her formative years. She took part in many sports – basketball, baseball, volleyball and badminton. She also was very involved with music. She studied piano under the Toronto Royal Conservatory for twelve years and also played the trumpet. She was a 4-H Beef Club member for nine years which enabled her to win the opportunity for many awards and trips across Canada and the United States. She is a member of the Bardo Lutheran Church and was confirmed on November 29, 1970. After graduating from Tofield High School in 1973 she went on to study Recreation Administration for two years at the Camrose Lutheran College. She completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Recreation Administration at the University of Alberta in 1977. She then took just about a year off to tour Europe, starting out in Norway and ending up in Spain. After returning to Canada she married Robert Stanley Schacher on July 8, 1978. Grace then returned to the University of Alberta for another two years and graduated from the P.D.A.D. (Post Degree after Degree) program. After Grace had taught school for some time, she and Robert had their first child, Andrew Glenn Schacher, born on August 9, 1983 in Camrose,

Alberta. On May 22, 1985, Alexander Robert Schacher was born in Camrose, Alberta; and their last child, Karla Grace Schacher was born on November 17, 1988 also in Camrose, Alberta.

Robert and Grace are presently farming a hog and beef operation two miles north of Tofield, and also own and operate Tender Lean Meats, an abattoir business in Tofield. Although busy with everyday matters, they are enjoying raising three children and look forward to new discoveries every day.

Salte, Arlen and Elsa (Heiberg)

by Elsa Salte

Elsa Heiberg, the third child of Andreas and Bernice Heiberg arrived on the scene on September 23, 1958.

When I was a little girl Grandpa Magneson used to say I was wider than I was tall!! Later on I did manage to gain a little height and was heavily involved in basketball. The competition was stiff, since my two older siblings preceded me with a wealth of awards in this area. However, I did manage to bring home a trophy, as a member of the All Star team, at a basketball tournament held at the Camrose Lutheran College; Camrose, Alberta. The trophy is now a little tarnished and the basketball runners have been traded in for jogging shoes to chase after our three children, but it still brings back fond memories to recall the “has been” I once was.

During my school years I was also heavily involved in 4-H with cattle competitions, public speaking and awards. My father had a great love for the 4-H organization and he provided lots of loving encouragement to me that kept me moving in this direction. His encouragement and my efforts were not without rewards. One of those rewards was a trip to Ottawa, Ontario. Another of those rewards was the positive influence that the experience of 4-H had on shaping me, and giving me confidence.

Well, fathers have their influence, and so do mothers. With this said it won't surprise any of you to know that another of my pursuits while growing up was playing the piano. Given the fact that my mother was a piano teacher, she greatly insisted, or should I say encouraged me, to pursue this. This I did, and am I ever grateful, considering that a few years later I met and married a musician. What insight my mother had. It's amazing!!

After graduating from Tofield High School I headed off to take the Biblical Studies program



Robert and Grace Schacher, Alexander, Karla, and Andrew, 1993.

at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose, Alberta. Before I could complete this, my roots from Norway and a longing to travel, kicked in. So ... my sister Grace, and I boarded a plane to Norway and I spent half a year touring Europe. During this time I also attended Danvik Folkehoyskole (Folk High School) in Drammen, Norge.

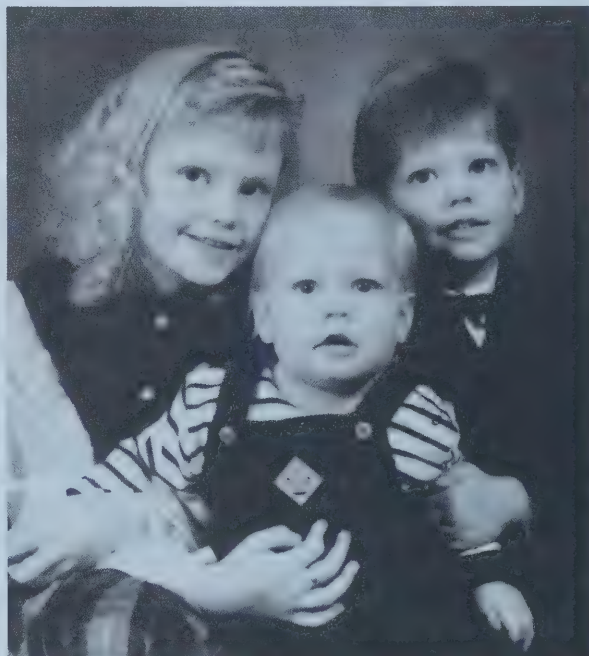
With the travelling bug out of my system, or perhaps that was just the start of it ... I returned to Canada and resumed my studies at C.L.B.I. I then went on to take the Registered Nursing program at the University of Alberta School of Nursing and graduated in June, 1981.

On August 8, 1981 I was married to Arlen Salte. Arlen is the Founder and Executive Director of a national Christian youth development organization, New Creation Ministries. He is also a recording artist distributed by Word Records. (Thank goodness for those piano lessons!!) Since our marriage we have toured together, much of Canada, some of the United States and as far away as the West Indies. So I guess that my trip to Europe was just the start of my travelling bug!!

I am presently employed as the Financial Administrator for New Creation Ministries. However, we are looking forward in the near future

to the opportunity for me to spend a few years out of the work force to stay at home and take care of our three children - Linnea (8), Brennan (6) and Jared (2). We are very proud to be their parents and are hit with the realization of how few years we have left to have an impact on their lives, like the impact that our parents made on us.

In closing, it has always been a special part of my life to be a part of a small community where I grew up with love and acceptance. That is a rare thing in this age and I feel blessed to have come from the roots that I did.



Linnea, Jared, Brennan Salte.

Gordon Andreas Heiberg

Gordon Andreas Heiberg was born August 23, 1962, the fourth child of Andreas and Bernice Heiberg.

Being the youngest child came with its bumps and bruises. Gordon has his siblings to thank, however, because he had to be fast in order to evade them. This led him to be very active in sports: basketball, baseball, badminton, hockey, volleyball and curling.

Gordon was also active in 4-H, showing calves, doing speeches and meeting other young people. There were many rewards for the efforts he made.

He attended the Tofield School up to Grade 11. In the spring of that year his father passed away unexpectedly. This brought a feeling of needing to get away. So Gordon pulled up eleven years of



Arlen and Elsa (Heiberg) Salte.

roots in Tofield and attended LCBI in Outlook, Saskatchewan for Grade 12. Following high school he studied Agriculture for a year at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

Gordon decided to enter the work force in Camrose as a machine operator. Still having strong ties to the family farm, he helped out when he could. After spending some time making money he went back to school in Camrose at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. Then he was back to working in construction and farming.

Gordon married a fellow student, Jennifer Voigt, in October, 1988. Jennifer grew up on a sheep farm in the Fort St. John, B.C. area. Following her mother's footsteps, she attended LCBI for three years. After a term at CLBI and two years at CLC in Camrose, she spent two years at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, where she earned her Bachelor of Commerce. Although Gordon and Jennifer had attended LCBI and CLBI together, they didn't become friends until later.



Gordon and Jennifer Heiberg, Benjamin and Sean.

Both Gordon and Jennifer enjoy life on the farm. They live on "Miss Jackson's Place". It is said that Miss Jackson, a woman with an intriguing personality, had buried her money in her yard. Many things have been uncovered in the yard, but unfortunately, money hasn't been found ... yet!

Aside from farming, life is kept full of action with their two children, Benjamin (August, 1990) and Sean (July, 1992). Gordon has taught Jennifer to camp in summer and curl in winter, and she's teaching him how to fit the kids in and around the activities.

Gordon and Jennifer hope to help their young family get involved in sports and 4-H. They also hope their children will appreciate their rural upbringing as much as their parents do.

Marie (Heiberg) Dawson

by Marie

Odd K. and Ragna Heiberg left Ringerike, Norway in August, 1926 with their two small sons, Andreas and Eystein. They arrived in Montreal and later travelled to Camrose, Alberta where they farmed with Odd's brother for awhile. In 1928 the Odd K. Heiberg family moved to the Bardo district. In the fall of 1928 a daughter, Marie, was born.

Andreas, Eystein and Marie attended Grand Forks school, which was two miles from their home. The usual way of travel was walking or horse and buggy and in the winter horse and cutter and of course cross country skiing.

Marie attended Kingman High School and later received secretarial training at Camrose Lutheran College. After graduating from College, Marie was employed at the Bank of Montreal in Camrose for eight years.

In 1953 Marie and her Mom took a trip to Norway, which was the first trip that Ragna had taken since she left her homeland 27 years earlier. Ragna made several trips back to Norway with her sons.

In 1956 Marie married Bud Dawson. Right after their marriage, they moved to Peace River, Alberta where Bud was employed with Riverdrive Motors and later he became a partner. Bud also became involved in the real estate business as well as a partner in a shopping mall. Marie was employed at the Bank of Commerce as the Assistant Accountant for five years.

Bud and Marie have two sons, Gary and Brian. Both sons graduated from Peace River High



Back Row: Gary and Brian. Front Row: Bud and Marie Dawson.

School and later from NAIT, Edmonton in Drafting and Design Technology. When the downturn in construction became apparent, both boys had to find alternative work. At the present, Gary is employed with London Life Insurance and Brian with Silcom System Ltd. in Edmonton, Alberta.

In 1965 Marie opened and operated a family Day Home, where she cared for young children while their mothers worked.

In July, 1992, Bud and Marie sold their home in Peace River after living there for 36 years. They built a new home on an acreage a few miles northwest of Stony Plain, Alberta. They are both semi-retired, but at the present Bud is working for a Construction Company as their Consultant and Marie is doing some baby sitting.

Hills Family history in Alberta

(by Barbara Brenneman Burkey - Granddaughter)

The Hills family came to Alberta over a period of several years. Their home was in Iowa Falls, Iowa. In 1909 the oldest son, Earl Hills, 26 years old, was on a trip with his cousin Jay Dodd. They toured Alberta and thought it was a wonderful place opening up. There was a farm with a log house and a barn on it for sale. He returned to Iowa and convinced his father, Franklin Eddy Hills to buy it. In 1910 Earl married Ada Farmer. They moved up to the log house at Bardo in 1912. An addition for a kitchen was added on. Earl and Ada returned to the States around 1914. They visited in Alberta in 1919 getting the balance of their possessions.



Earl Hills' new house, about 1914.

In 1913 two daughters, Clare and Loolah went up by train. They had been school teachers in Iowa for 5 years, but had to go to normal at Camrose for four months before they could teach in Alberta.

Loolah got a teaching position at Grand Forks. Clare received a contract from Anderson School to teach. Their father bought them each a horse to ride to their schools.



Loolah, Mrs. Hills, Uarda.

Later that year, Franklin and Alvira Hills moved up with their 15 year old daughter, Uarda. They moved into a farm house about a mile from the farm they had purchased. They were located between two schools, 2 plus miles South to Grand Forks, and 2 plus miles North to Bardo.

Uarda had completed 10th grade before leaving Iowa. She finished school in Tofield and was able to get a permit to teach. She signed a contract in the fall of 1918 with Ingram School for \$720.00 for the school year. Her sister Clare had married and quit teaching so she had Clare's horse, Sailor, to ride to school. She had taught only a couple of months when the flu bug closed all the schools. Whenever they went away from home, they fastened cloths over their mouths.

The Hills family were Methodist. Having no church building, they used the Bardo School on Sunday for their gatherings. They were called "The English" although most of their group had moved to Alberta from Iowa.

Clare Hills, on December 31, 1917 married Ben



Aunts Ada, Clare, Loolah, Uarda; Uncle Earl and Bert Sutton standing on feed grinder at Bardo, 1916.

Owens, a young man from Iowa who had come to Alberta to work and get re-acquainted with Clare. In 1918 she quit teaching. On March 22, 1919 they had a son, Hugh. He passed away in Edmonton on May 24, 1919. On April 11, 1920 a second son, Neil was born. Three more sons, Dean, Richard, and Fred were later born in the United States.

In 1921 Ben and Clare had a sale and returned to Iowa by train. Ben's mother had passed away and they had received a box of her things. The jams and jellies included were all broken. A black dress was included which Clare made into a pair of rompers for baby Neil to travel back to Iowa in.

Several years later they returned to Alberta and lived there until 1927 when they again returned to the United States. They later moved to Gresham, Oregon. They raised their family there. Ben passed away June 9, 1970, and Clare on February 3, 1976. They are buried at Gresham, Oregon.

The Hills were neighbors to the Lerbekmo family. Loolah Hills and Peter Lerbekmo were married on November 14, 1917 at Tofield.



At the Pacific Ocean. Uarda, Edna, Loolah, Clare, Fred, Earl.

In 1918 Loolah received a teaching position at Grand Prairie, where Peter had a homestead. When the flu closed the schools, she returned to her parents t Bardo to be near a Doctor. In 1920 they moved to Tofield where Peter opened the first garage.

Their first child, a daughter, Norma, went to be with the Lord at an early age. On December 8, 1924 their son, John, was born. Loolah taught school for many years. In a letter she wrote to her sister Uarda, when in her late 80's, she said "It is strange to see your pupils growing old". She has had a lifelong impact on many people's lives. The first year she taught in Canada she had 35 pupils in a one-room school – all eight grades.

In 1935 Pete and Loolah moved back into the log house on the Hills farm, and lived there until 1939. They later lived at Brisco, British Columbia and then Cooking Lake until Pete's passing in 1977. Loolah moved to the Tofield Lodge. She has been living in Edmonton. She passed away on November 25, 1992. She was 103 years old on September 7, 1992.

Clare and Loolah held School Programs at which Uarda always played the organ. These programs were wonderful places for young people to meet. Uarda met Harvey Brenneman at one of these. His parents, Jacob and Barbara Brenneman, had moved up to Alberta from Milford, Nebraska in 1912. They moved in and lived with Barbara's parents, Joseph and Mattie Stauffer. Harvey was in the 7th grade and attended the Anderson (Bardo) School. There were no roads as such. The municipality loaned Jacob a grader. Harvey drove their 8 horses and his father graded a road from Grandpa Stauffer's place to where they would build their new house in 1915, on the farm Jacob bought 4 miles east.

Uarda Hills and Harvey Brenneman were married in her parent's log house on January 30, 1919. Their oldest son, Harvey Earl, born September 7, 1920 went to be with the Lord on December 4, 1924. There were 6 more children, all born at home on the farm at Tofield: Roderick – 1923, Vira – 1927, Barbara – 1930, Margaret – 1933, Lois – 1935, and Harley – 1939. At this time, 1992, Roderick, Vira and Harley live in Oregon. Barbara lives in Washington and Lois in Indiana. Margaret passed away in Phoenix, Arizona, September 1, 1968.

Harvey and Uarda moved to Oregon in December 1940, where they continued to farm. Harvey was a skilled carpenter. He loved working with wood. Uarda is known for the many beautiful



Front Row: Roderick Brenneman, Jack Lerbekmo, Barbara Brenneman, Vira Brenneman, Uarda and Harvey Brenneman. Back Row: Grandpa Hills, Loolah Lerbekmo, Lois, Margaret. Taken on our front porch at R.R. 3, Tofield in 1937.

quilts she pieced, appliqued, cross-stitched, and hand quilted. Her children's and grandchildren's homes show proof of her talent.

Harvey passed away December 1, 1985. He is buried at Fairview Mennonite Church Cemetery, in Albany, Oregon. Uarda was 94 years old on August 27th, 1992 and is living at the Mennonite Village, in Albany, Oregon.

Franklin and Alvira Hills moved to Gresham, Oregon in 1928. Alvira passed away February 1, 1936. Franklin returned to the same log house at Bardo in 1937 and lived with Pete, Loolah, and Jack until 1939. He then returned to Oregon to live with daughters Clare and Uarda until he passed away December 5, 1942. Franklin and Alvira Hills are buried at Gresham, Oregon.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hills, ?, Loolah, Clare and Ben Owens.

Eric Anderson Hoflin Family History by the Grandchildren

Eric Hoflin was born at Wemdalén, the province of Harjedalen, Sweden on June 12, 1869. He was one of the earliest and perhaps one of the best known pioneers of the Norden (now known

as Bardo) and Willow Flats (which later became the Farmington School District) areas.

Very little is known of his early life in the old country, as the passage of time has taken away so many of the old timers and dimmed the memory of others.



Eric Hoflin and first wife, Gertrude.

Eric married Gertrude Johnson, also from Harjedalen, Sweden on June 12, 1895. In 1896, they decided to emigrate to America. So with their infant son, Albin, they started out. For thirteen days, they sailed the wild and stormy Atlantic Ocean, arriving in Quebec City, Canada. After a very short stay, they left for Browns Valley, Minnesota, where they made their home for the next four years. Here they farmed land owned by Mr. Lars Pederson.

During this time, three more children were born; John, Emil and one daughter Christine. Emil died in infancy. In 1900, Grandpa and Grandma and their three remaining children decided to move north to Alberta, Canada. They came as far as Wetaskiwin, Alberta by rail with a carload of settlers' effects. They travelled by horse and wagon to Norden (Bardo) and filed on the SE1/4-22-49-19-W4 in the Willow Flats area (Farmington District).

Their first house was built of logs with a sod roof, and with a great deal of pride and satisfaction they settled in their new home. This was their home for the next three years. During the summers of 1902 and 1903, it rained so much that the whole country-side became a great big lake. As Grandpa later said, "It dripped inside the sod shanty for a week after it quit raining outside". In 1904, they decided that enough was enough, so they built a new two storey frame house with shingles on the roof. This was their home for many years.

During the years on the original homestead, Grandpa acquired extensive land holdings in the

Kingman area, including the Sollid farm which is now owned by Vernon Campbell.

Our Grandfather was always a kind and generous man. His heart and his home were always open to those in need and his helping hand was very much appreciated by those early pioneers.

Over the next few years their family grew larger with one more daughter, Alma and four sons; Emil, Arthur, Harold and Mauritz. Emil passed away at the age of 19 years due to an accident and is buried in the Kingman Cemetery.

When Farmington School was built, Grandpa served on the Board for many years. He was also appointed Councillor in the early days, making roads with horses and slips. Many of the neighbors would also work to pay for their taxes. As a devout man, he was instrumental in building the Lutheran Church in Kingman, which still stands today. He also helped form the grounds for the Kingman Cemetery.

For the next ten years, the community grew by leaps and bounds, with more settlers moving into the area all the time, so grandpa decided to hit the pioneer trail again. This time he headed to La Glace in the Grande Prairie area. He travelled by



The Eric Hoflin family, 1947. Standing: John, Albin, Arthur, Harold, Mauritz. Sitting: Alma Undin, Eric Hoflin, Christine Matson.

horse and sleigh via the Old Edson Trail and after a journey of one month, he arrived in La Glace in February, 1913. He set out buying more land. While there, he received a letter saying that his wife was very ill in Kingman and to come home at once. The nearest railhead was Edson, which was many miles to the south. Being the hardy soul that he was, Grandpa shouldered his pack and headed down Edson Trail on foot, arriving at the trail head in 6 days, a journey of 250 miles. We wonder if



The Eric Hoflin family.

many of our athletes today could equal this hectic trip.

His troubles were not yet over. On purchasing his rail ticket, he found that he had lost his wallet containing \$20.00. But upon showing his letter to the conductor, he was given passage with the promise of paying on arrival in Tofield. He found his wife somewhat better, but for the rest of the summer her health continued to fail.

On January 20, 1914, Grandma gave birth to a son, Clarence, who died at birth. Grandma died on January 26, 1914 after fighting a losing battle with cancer in her throat. Grandma and Clarence are buried in the Kingman Cemetery.

Grandpa farmed with his family for the next seven years and then married Margaret Stein in Canwood, Saskatchewan. He brought her to his farm in Kingman.

Christmas was a very important day to our Grandparents, parents and grandchildren, and we will always remember the little gifts we received. For example, pennies wrapped up in colored paper which we treasured so much, will always be remembered.

During the early 1930's, Grandpa again took up homesteading. This time he headed for the Noral district, west of Lac La Biche. The grandchildren have many fond memories of visiting with their beloved grandparents at the homestead in Noral.

Two of Grandpa's sons, Harold and Mauritz, also farmed in this area. Mauritz and his wife looked after our grandparents until their passing.

Grandma passed away in Lac La Biche Hospital in 1947 at the age of 78 years and is buried in the Kingman Cemetery. Grandpa passed away at his son's home in Noral on March 9, 1948 at the age of 78 years. He is also buried in the Kingman Cemetery beside his two wives and family.

Albin Hoflin passed away May 4, 1974 and is buried in La Glace.

John Hoflin passed away September 22, 1987 and is buried in La Glace.

Christine (Mrs. John Matson) passed away July 3, 1974 and is buried in Camrose.

Alma (Mrs. George Undin) passed away April 9, 1972 and is buried in Kingman.

Arthur passed away August 25, 1986 and is buried in Edmonton.

Harold passed away April 29, 1981 and is buried in La Glace.

Mauritz and his wife Irene (Olson) are residing in White Rock, B.C.

John and Christine Matson

(by Agnes Matson)

John Mathison was born on August 28, 1892 in the parish of Veldre, in the district of Brumendalen, Norway, to Mathias and wife Ingrid Johannesdtr. He was christened on October 23, 1892 into the Lutheran faith at the same parish. He received his education and his compulsory religious studies in this district as well.

He had three brothers – Hans, Syverin and Lars, and five sisters – Gunda, Ida, Martha and Minnie (twins), and Emma.

John apprenticed as a tailor in Norway, but he longed for "America", so he set sail in July of 1910 to visit his sister Minnie, who had settled in Michigan earlier. From there he worked his way as far as Phelps County, Nebraska, where he applied for American Citizenship Papers. Before these papers were granted he moved on to Canada, where he changed the spelling of his name to Matson.

Once in Canada he spent some time working in the wheat fields in Saskatchewan, as well as the coal mines in Nordegg. He kept on the move and gradually wound up in Alberta, working for Ed Thompson.

Once in Alberta, John met Christine Margaret Hoflin. Christine was born on July 26, 1898, to Eric and Gertrude Hoflin, at Artur, Minnesota. She immigrated with her parents to the Kingman district in 1900, where she attended the Farmington School. At the age of fourteen Christine was left to care for her younger brothers and a sister after her mother passed away at an early age.

John married Christine on April 3, 1920, and homesteaded in the Lessard district. To this union four children were born – Esther, Alice and Agnes (twins), and a son, Emil.

Mother told us many stories of their life together, and the many hardships they endured. Their furniture must have been very primitive, as I recall her telling us they used stumps of trees for chairs.

Esther was born in the Bonnyville Hospital on March 11, 1921. About a year later they moved back to Kingman, where they stayed with her father, Eric Hoflin until after the twins, Alice and Agnes, were born on October 20, 1922. Mother was attended by a midwife during this time. This move was only temporary, for mother's benefit, while she was having her second baby. I recall mother saying that father worked at the coal mine. When he walked home from work one evening he

got quite a surprise to find that he was the father of twins.

After the twins were settled, they moved back to Lessard. Soon after, my mother's health failed and we were taken in by Mrs. Iverson. We stayed with this kindly lady for awhile, and will be forever indebted to her for her love and care.



John and Christine Matson family. Standing: Agnes, Emil, Alice. Sitting: Christine, Esther, John.

Again the family of five returned to Kingman and settled on the 80 acres of land Eric Hoflin had purchased for them. Times were tough and we had to make do with what we had, so we lived in a one room shanty until Dad could afford to purchase a house from Mr. Simonson and move it onto the 80 acres.

Mother loved to work outdoors. She often



Harvesting – Christine and John Matson, Agnes, Alice and Emil. Taken on the Matson farm in 1933.

worked in the fields with the horses. She plowed the fields, and cut the grain and was there to stook, as well. Needless to say, there was more than one narrow escape. I remember her telling us that one day while plowing, she hit a rock, and was thrown behind the horses. Luckily she was able to escape any serious injuries. Another time she was checking a cow with a new calf, and was attacked by the cow, who had long horns. She managed to escape under a fence, but not before her leg was ripped open.

Memories of father include him being a good barber; neighbours often stopped in on Sundays for a hair cut and a visit. He also helped his neighbours out a lot in his Black Smith's Shop. We remember father being stern, but also very fair and well-liked by everyone.

Father and mother traded their homestead in Lessard for the Chris Pederson farm (S 1/2-13-49-19-W4). They remained on this farm until father's death following surgery, April 2, 1961, at the age of 68 yrs. After Dad passed away mother took up residence in Camrose, until she passed away on July 3, 1974.

The Matson Family (submitted by the family)

The story of John Matson's children – Esther, twins Agnes and Alice, and brother Emil – began in Kingman. These are some of their memories of growing up.

They attended the Grand Forks School. Their largest handicap as school children was that they couldn't speak a word of English when they started. Fortunately their teacher, Christine Bergquist (now Mrs. Jacob Stolee) understood



John and Christine Matson and children. Agnes, Esther, Emil, Alice.

Swedish. They attended Sunday School and were confirmed in the Kingman Lutheran Church.

Esther put in many hours of work on the farm. She drove the tractor in the fields, often working until late afternoon. Then she would return home to milk 15 to 20 cows by hand, while Mother, Dad and Emil continued the field work.

After finishing school, Alice and Agnes left home to work in various homes in the community.

As children, they loved to stay with their grandparents (Eric Hoflin's) about a mile and a half from their home. Alice and Agnes remember begging their Mom to allow them to visit Grandma and Grandpa one afternoon. Mother's answer was a definite "No!". Alice and Agnes (approximately four at the time) took off to Grandma's anyway. About halfway there they looked back, only to see their Mom running across the field with a switch in her hand. They knew she was a good runner, because she often told them stories about how she always won all the races as a young girl. They didn't hesitate to turn around and hightail it home.

Being twins, what one wouldn't think of, the other would, so Alice and Agnes many times found themselves in hot water. Once they were staying at Grandma's and decided to go out to the chicken house where they discovered some hens sitting quietly on their nests. They thought it would be great fun to catch them and give them a bath, so Alice would grab one leg, Agnes the other, and off they'd run to the water tank. They'd dunk the helpless bird, then pull it out of the water and throw it to the ground, laughing at how it flopped around. Then back to the chicken house they'd go for another bird. Well, Grandma heard the commotion and came out to see what all the fuss was about. Alice and Agnes noticed her coming and ran up to the top of the straw pile, knowing Grandma wouldn't be able to reach them there. They were safe . . . or so they thought. Esther had tattled on them. Grandma came out and hollered at them to come down so that they could go visit a neighbour. It had been a trick, though, and when they got in, it wasn't a visit to the neighbour's that awaited, but punishment (they can't exactly remember what kind). They were about five then.

Another time Mom and Dad decided to go visiting for the evening. Mom put all four kids in her bed, and gave them orders to remain there until their parent's return. Esther, being a great storyteller, (Once she told her younger siblings how she was chased by a stone, and they believed it because she sounded so sincere . . .) started telling Alice, Agnes and Emil ghost stories. They got

scared and decided they'd better tie the door shut (there was no lock) so the monsters couldn't get in. They found some grocery string and tied the door knob to the bedpost. Now they were safe. Soon after, they heard the outside door open and footsteps in the other room. They dived under the quilt in terror. They heard the doorknob turn and a voice call out. They started to breathe again when they realized that it was only their Aunt Alma from across the yard. Mother had asked her to check on the kids while she was gone.

Their grandparents had a homestead up north. Alice and Agnes were so excited when Grandpa asked them to accompany him to the place by covered wagon. They're not sure how many days they travelled. They slept in the wagon, comfortable enough because of the soft hay that had been piled in it before they left. They made camp each evening by a water supply so that the horses could drink and they could wash up after a long day on the trail. Grandpa would give the girls soap and a towel and tell them to go to the creek to wash their face and hands. Once Grandpa handed them the reins so that he could rest in the back of the wagon for a while. They came to a small town, which Grandpa had told them about earlier. They kept driving straight through, just like he told them to, but people surely did look surprised to see these two young girls (about 10) driving a covered wagon.

As a young boy Emil loved to ski. Once he came home with frozen feet and Father had to soak them in coal oil. Luckily he recovered fully. At the age of two, he fell into the water tank, and if it wasn't for the screaming Alice and Agnes did, he might have drowned. Mother heard them though, and rushed out to rescue him. When Emil was in his teens he enjoyed playing baseball. He even had a position on the Bardo team. Emil was also very talented musically. He could play almost any instrument he picked up. He often entertained family and friends with the guitar, violin, banjo, etc.

Emil attended welding school in Edmonton, where he received his papers as a welder. He worked for Elmer Burkholder.

Once when he left home to find work on the West Coast, he worked on a barge in an oil drilling outfit. While welding one day there was an explosion! He caught fire and had to dive into the water to save himself. He was badly burned about his face and spent many days in hospital. The doctors feared that he would lose his sight, but he didn't. He recovered and soon returned home.

Emil worked with Father on the farm until he became ill. He passed away in 1984, at the age of 56.

Esther married Fred Swanlund in 1950. They had five children – Elaine, Vernon, Janice, Vivian and Billy. Billy passed away at the age of 18. They reside in Devon and have 6 grandchildren.



The Klein, Swanlund and Matson family (John and Christine Matson descendants). Taken at the Kingman Reunion in 1981.

Alice married Rudy Klien. They had five children – Marvin, twins Keith and Kenneth, and twins Lyle and Jeanette. They have 13 grandchildren. They farmed for 30 years before moving to Camrose. Rudy passed away in 1991. Alice still resides in her home in Camrose.

Agnes married Sidney Matson. They had two children – Linda and Reg, and 7 grandchildren.



Agnes Matson with son, Reg, daughter Linda, and grandchildren.

She resided on the farm until Sidney's passing in 1972. She then moved to Camrose where she worked at the Camrose Lutheran College (now Augustana University College) for 14 years. She also lives in Camrose.

The three sisters still try to get together whenever they can, to visit. They enjoy each other's company, and laughing and talking about days gone by, and are quite thoroughly loving their present retirement.

Karl George Undin Family

by the Undin children

Karl George Undin (known as George) was born in Helgum, Sweden on April 23, 1904.

In 1923, at the age of 19, Dad immigrated to Canada and worked in the Holden area for 2 years. In 1925 he moved to the Kingman district where he got a job working on the farm for Miss Caroline Jackson (where Gordon Heiberg now lives). While working at Miss Jackson's, Dad was always looking across the road and seemed to have his eyes set on a lovely young maiden who lived and kept house for her brothers. Her name was Alma Hoflin, daughter of Eric and Gertrude Hoflin. Mother was born September 16, 1903 in the Farmington District. She grew up and attended Farmington School. At the age of 7, Mom had rheumatic fever and it left her with a heart condition, that she had to contend with for the rest of her life.

Dad and Mom were married February 10, 1926 in Edmonton. In 1927 they purchased land (NE 11-49-19) at a land auction in Camrose for \$37.50 per acre. Later that fall, Mom and Dad were very proud when twins, a boy and a girl, were born on November 27. They were named Rudolf and Ruth. Mom and Dad spent many sleepless nights feeding these tiny babies, especially the baby boy Rudolf, as he was very weak and had to be fed with an eye dropper. Both babies survived and grew up to be healthy kids. Rudolf later married Louisa Vikner of Tofield (see Rudolf Undin history) and Ruth married Clifford Gibson of Kingman (see Clifford Gibson history).

In 1928, Dad and Mom bought a house at the Dinant Coal Mine for \$150 and moved it on skids to their quarter of land.

During the hard times of the early 1930's, Dad and Mom lost their quarter of land as they were unable to make payments plus compound interest. They then moved their house across the road to a quarter of land owned by Mom's father, Eric Hoflin.

On July 24, 1931, another daughter was born, named Martha. She later married Ernest Westfall of Edberg (see Ernest Westfall history).

Then in 1934, Dad purchased the land that he had lost and moved their house back again.

Spring came early in 1936 when their third daughter, Ellen was born on March 3. Ellen married Gustav Ekdahl of Kingman (see Gustav Ekdahl history).

Dad often spoke about the 1930's especially of Jim and Charlie, the proprietors of the International Store in Kingman. He felt that they helped him through the hard times, letting Dad and Mom charge groceries from one fall to the next, when they were able to sell grain, cattle or whatever to pay for their bills.

Dad spent several winters away from home working in sawmills and bush camps, cutting and hewing ties for as little as 8 cents a piece. He worked one winter at the Burnstad Coal Mine.

We remember the Sundays when relatives and friends would gather at home for a visit; Mom always seemed to have lots of food to feed everyone. She was always known for her delicious apple pies.

In 1948, Dad and Mom built a new house (Darrel and Kim Undin now live in this house). What a wonderful thrill to move from a 2 room house into a 2 storey house: 5 rooms on the main floor, 3 rooms upstairs, and a full basement! In 1950, what a wonderful Christmas we had, when we got power only a few days before Christmas. What a thrill it was to have lights on all over the farm.

We often think of the evenings we spent together enjoying music. Rudolf played the accordeon, Ruth and Martha played guitars, and we would all sing and sing. Dad even tried his hand at learning to play the accordeon. We did alot of playing and singing at different community programs.

In 1949 Dad had the pleasure of returning to his homeland in Sweden for the first time since his arrival in Canada. This was quite an experience, meeting one of his brothers for the first time, who was born after Dad had left for Canada.

In 1958, both Dad and Mom enjoyed a trip to Sweden, visiting relatives on both side of the family, Undin's and Hoflin's.

Another great pleasure for Dad and Mom was having the grandchildren come to visit. Mom spent hours knitting socks and mittens for the grandchildren. Oh, how the grandchildren enjoyed Mom's peanut-butter cookies!

Mom passed away in Tofield Hospital on April 9, 1972, after being hospitalized for eight months with a heart condition.

Dad passed away on April 26, 1975 at the Tofield Hospital, after a succession of cancer operations. Both Mom and Dad are buried in the Kingman Cemetery.



The George and Alma Undin family. Back Row: Clifford Gibson, Rudolf, Gary Gibson, Gustav Ekdahl, Ernest Westfall. Second Row: Jim Gibson, Ruth (Undin) Gibson, Louisa Undin, Ellen (Undin) Ekdahl, Martha (Undin) Westfall, Ron Ekdahl. Third Row: Gail and Donna Gibson, Alma Undin, Janette Ekdahl, George Undin holding Debbie Undin, Carol Westfall, Brian Westfall. Front Row: Keith and Kevin Ekdahl, Darrel Undin, Kathy Undin, Barbara Ekdahl, David Westfall, Glen and Gordon Ekdahl.

Rudolf Undin Family

by Rudolf and Louisa Undin

Rudolf Undin was born near Kingman on November 27, 1927 to George and Alma Undin. He arrived just minutes before his twin sister Ruth. Both Rudolf and his sister were very small when they were born. Rudolf was so small that he had to be fed with an eye dropper.

Rudolf attended school at the Grand Forks School. During his first few years at school, it was difficult for both him and Ruth. They could not speak any English, as their Dad and Mom only spoke Swedish at home. After 8 years of school, Rudolf decided to leave school to help out on the farm, as his Dad had gone away to work for a period of time.

On January 13, 1962 Rudolf Undin married Louisa Vikner of Tofield at the Bardo Lutheran Church south of Tofield. They had four children.

Darrel was born June 11, 1962 in Tofield. He attended and graduated from Tofield School. Darrel had a keen interest in farming and attended



Back Row: Debbie, Darrel, Kathy. Front Row: Louisa and Rudolph Undin.

agricultural college. In 1985, he graduated from Olds College with a Farm and Ranch Production diploma. He returned to Kingman to continue farming with Rudolf. On November 29, 1986, he married Kimberly Drolet (born January 12, 1964), formerly of Lamont. Darrel and Kim have two daughters and one son. Erica was born October 12, 1988, Chantelle was born January 13, 1991 and Tyler was born December 13, 1992.

Randy was born May 31, 1963 in Tofield. He was baptized in the Bardo Lutheran Church. Randy passed away January 12, 1964 and is buried in the Kingman Cemetery.

Katherine was born August 8, 1964 in Tofield. Kathy went to school in Tofield and graduated in 1982. She was actively involved in the Kingman 4-H Club in sewing, cooking, and leadership projects for seven years. She then went to Grant MacEwan Community College and graduated in 1984 with a Travel Consultant diploma. She has been employed with Canadian Universities Travel Service Ltd. (Travel CUTS) in Edmonton and Calgary. In 1990, she moved back to Edmonton to marry David Gunderson, formerly of St. Paul (born January 9, 1965). They were married July 21, 1990 in the Bardo Lutheran Church. Dave is presently employed by the County of Beaver as a French teacher at the Tofield School. Kathy

manages a Travel CUTS office in Edmonton. They presently reside on an acreage near South Cooking Lake.

Debbie was born September 21, 1967 in Tofield. Debbie went to school and graduated as Valedictorian of Tofield School in 1985. Debbie was also active in the Kingman 4-H Club with cooking and sewing projects. She moved to Camrose to attend Camrose Lutheran College for two years and then to Edmonton to attend the University of Alberta. She graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1989. Debbie has since been employed with Peat Marwich Thorne Chartered Accountants in Edmonton and is a Chartered Accountant.

Clifford and Ruth Gibson

by Ruth (Undin) Gibson

Ruth was the first of two children born to George and Alma Undin. She has a twin brother, Rudolf. The big event took place at home November 27, 1927. What a thrill, "twins", a boy and a girl! As they grew up, Rudolf and Ruth spent a lot of time together, If Ruth didn't think of something to get into, you may be sure Rudolf did. At the age of five they decided to go and do some visiting (without telling Mom and Dad, naturally). They walked through bush and fences to visit Thorlief and Harry Hansen (sons of Harold Hansen) two miles south of home. You can imagine the worry Mom and Dad went through when they found the twins missing. There were no phones in those days. Ruth can't recall how their Dad found them but remembers walking home with Dad behind them with a willow switch!!

Another incident Ruth remembers was when they were making a playhouse in a wagon box. In those days the wagon boxes were pretty high, they thought. Well, Rudolf was hollering at Ruth for help, but she was stubborn and tired of all the hollering and bossing so she paid no attention to him. Lo and behold if Rudolf didn't fall off the wagon box and break his arm.

Rudolf and Ruth went to Grand Forks School. They were both so quiet and shy and couldn't speak a word of English. The poor teacher must have had her hands full. How well Ruth remembers going to the old, one-room schoolhouse, with the school bell ringing when it was time for school. The Christmas Concerts, what special times! One drill that Ruth really remembers was "Alice Blue Gown". How pretty the girls were in their long blue crepe paper gowns.

In the summer time the children would walk

up to the Anderson School (Bardo) to play ball. Then came the day they moved into the new school. It had a classroom with tables instead of desks, a Library room, Activities room and even a kitchen, plus a full basement with bath rooms. Imagine, indoor bathrooms!

As Ruth grew up and out of school she went out working. She did housework for the Andersons, Martin Hagens and Heibergs in the Bardo district.

In June of 1951, Ruth married a neighbor boy, Clifford Gibson. They built a house on the Gibson farm and farmed with his Mom and Dad. Clifford and Ruth were blessed with four children, two girls and two boys.

Donna, born in June of 1952, is married to Gordie Kerr. They live in Edberg, Alberta and have four girls.

Garry was born in February 1954. He married Celine Belilie and they live in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Garry has a step-son and a daughter.

Gail was born in November 1955. She married Charlie Dingman of Edberg and they had two boys. Then Charlie died in a truck accident. Gail later married Rick Berglund and has two more sons and a step-daughter. They live in Edberg.

Jim, born in May 1958, married Wendy Hamel. They have a boy and a girl and live in Camrose. Jim works at Fountain Tire.

Ruth has worked at the Camrose Lutheran College for seven years in Food Service in the Kitchen. Clifford and Ruth are still on the farm. Clifford has had a sow and wiener pig operation.



Clifford and Ruth Gibson family. Back Row: Rick Berglund, Billy Dingman, Jim Gibson, Gordie Kerr, Donna Kerr, Kim Berglund, Gary Gibson. Second Row: Gail Berglund, Clifford Gibson, Carla Kerr, Brad Dingman. Third Row: Wendy Gibson, Bradley Gibson, Kenny Berglund, Ruth (Undin) Gibson, Celine Gibson holding Caitlin Gibson, Shannon Kerr holding Naomi Gibson, Kelly Kerr, Kimberly Kerr sitting on the floor holding Chad Berglund.

He is now in the process of closing out the barn and going into semi-retirement.

They are blessed with good health (just a few aches and pains) and plan to retire on the farm. Their hope is to have more time to visit with their family and friends.

Westfall Family

by Martha Westfall (nee Undin)

Martha was born July 24, 1931 and is the second daughter of Alma and George Undin. She attended the Grand Forks School and was active in the Kingman 4-H Beef Club.

On August 8, 1952 she married Ernest Westfall of Edberg who was working for Reeves Motors in Camrose at the time. They bought a small house in Edberg where they resided for one and a half years at which time they took over the janitorial job at the school. Ernest drove school bus, worked part time at the Herman Bieganek's garage and also delivered mail twice a week.

In the spring of 1954, they had a chance to rent land from Ernest's aunt in the New Norway area; both of them having grown up on a farm, they jumped at the chance. This had been the original homestead of Ernest's grandparents (the late Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Johnson). Ernest and Martha later purchased this quarter of land and have raised their three children there.

Carol was born September 20, 1953 and took all of her schooling in Edberg. She married John Siemens of New Norway in 1973. They have three children, Dawn, Dale and John Lee, also having lost a 1 year old son, Wade in 1976. Carol is a teacher's aide and taught at Sifton School in Camrose. She is currently at the Edberg School.



The Westfall Clan, 1989. Front Row: Martha (Undin) Westfall holding Karla Westfall, Ernest Westfall and Nicole Westfall, Cari Westfall. Middle Row: Dale, Lee, Carol Siemens, Lynn, Jeffery, Brian Westfall. Back Row: Dawn Siemens, John Siemens, David Westfall, Bernice Westfall.

John has his own insulating business. Carol and John and their family presently live on an acreage near Edberg.

Brian was born July 14, 1955 and also attended Edberg School. He married Bernice Kellert of Camrose in 1979. They have three children, Jeffrey, Kari and Nikki. Brian works for C.J. Electric in Camrose and also farms. Bernice is the manager of the Treasury Branch in Ferintosh. They live on a farm in the New Norway area.

David was born September 22, 1962 and also took all of his schooling in Edberg. He married Lynette Buettner of High Prairie in 1986. David has worked as maintenance man for Larraman Construction, but has recently taken over the family backhoe operations from his Dad. Lynette is a teacher's aide at the Children's Centre in Camrose. They have one daughter who passed away in 1991 at 2 years of age. Dave and Lynn live on an acreage in the Edberg area.

Gustav and Ellen Ekdahl

by Ellen Ekdahl (nee Undin)

Ellen, the youngest daughter of George and Alma Undin, was born on March 3, 1936. She attended Grand Forks School for Grades 1 to 8 and finished her schooling in Kingman.

Some of her memories of Grand Forks school were the wonderful times they had preparing and practising for the Music Festivals. Each child would dress up in a different costume and together they would portray different fairytales such as "The Three Bears". Another memory was the school term when there were only 4 students attending (3 girls and 1 boy). Of course they took correspondence with a supervisor in charge, but it was hard to believe that the school was kept open for such a small attendance of children.

After finishing high school in Kingman, Ellen worked in Camrose at Rosehaven for two and a half years as a ward-aide.

On June 14, 1956, Ellen married Gustav Ekdahl and they took over the Ekdahl farm where Gustav had been farming with his mother. The farm is located 6 miles north-west of Kingman (in the Miquelon Community).

Ellen and Gustav have 7 children; 2 girls and 5 boys.

Ron was born March 26, 1957. In 1980, he married Laurie Bratrud and they now have 3 boys; Shane, Justin and Chad. Ron and his family presently live in Sherwood Park and Ron is manager of Guardian Hyalog Oilfield Services in Edmonton.



The Ekdahl family. Back Row: Kevin, Laurie and Ron, Cindy and Glen, Gordon, Barb, Janette. Middle Row: Cari, Corey, Gustav, Matthew, Shane, Keith, Ryan. Front Row: Marla and Cassie, Chad, Ellen (Undin) Ekdahl, Justin.

Janette was born December 11, 1959 and lives in Red Deer with her daughter Cari. Janette is employed with the Alberta Liquor Control Board in Red Deer.

Barbara was born March 2, 1962 and married Ron Paulson on July 29, 1990. Barb and Ron are living in Red Deer where Barb is employed with the Alberta Liquor Control Board.

On June 27, 1963 Gustav and Ellen were blessed with a set of twin boys; Gordon and Glen.

Gordon is living in Red Deer and employed with Bronco Well Servicing.

Glen married Cindy Kandt on August 18, 1984 and they have 2 boys; Ryan and Cory. Glen and his family are living in Grande Prairie where Glen is managing the branch office of Guardian Hyalog Oilfield Services.

Three years later on May 21, 1966, Gustav and Ellen were double blessed when another set of twin boys were born; Kevin and Keith.

Kevin married Marla Uglem on August 13, 1989. They are living in Leduc and have 2 children; Matthew and Cassandra. Kevin is employed with Guardian Hyalog of Edmonton.

Keith is living in Camrose where he is employed with Stelco, Camrose Steel Plant.

Gustav and Ellen are still living on the farm and enjoying good health. Gustav is still farming, but is gradually phasing out and letting the boys take over the farm. In his spare time he enjoys golfing and curling. For the past 7 years, Ellen has been working part-time in Camrose at Augustana University College in the Food Services Department.

Horte, Thor and Marit

(by Gladys Ness)

Marit (born 1888, in Bardu, Norway), daughter of Gjertrude and Halvor Haugen, married Thor Horte in 1909 in Bardu, Alberta. Thor was born in Bø, Telemark, Norway, in 1879 to parents, Anton and Ingrid Horte.



Thor and Marit Horte.

Thor and Marit lived in Bardu where Thor operated the store which Anton Horte had bought from Martin Finseth in 1906. They lived in the 'Butter House' where Irene was born.

In 1911, Thor, Marit, and baby Irene moved to Kingman where Thor joined the Company of Anton Horte and Sons in the store business.

Thor and Marit raised a family of seven children – Irene, Henry (deceased – 1912), Gladys, Evelyn (deceased – 1929), Vivian, Vernon, and Ronald.

They grew up in the Kingman Community during the so-called hungry thirties. Money was scarce, but food was not. Kingman was a do-it yourself community, and a most active and healthy place for raising a young family.



Marit Horte, Irene, Gladys.

We have many fond memories, especially of Christmas concerts, Church socials, feasting and socializing. The Bardu Male Chorus with Albin Anderson leading also flourished at this time. All in all, we grew up in such a happy home environment.

Irene married Lloyd Hamilton, an Alberta Wheat Pool Buyer and Traveller. Gladys married Ingvald Ness, a successful farmer, and a Wheat Pool Agent and Delegate. Vivian married Clifford Simonson, a World War II Veteran and prisoner of war. Cliff later worked with Veteran Affairs in Edmonton. Vernon married Thelma Boness, daughter of Olaf Boness, an Edmonton lawyer. Olaf was a pioneer of the Bardu district starting as a homesteader. Vernon, a Chemical Engineer has been engaged in various aspects of the oil and gas industry.

Ronald, the youngest, was born a Down's Syndrome baby. He is very special to the whole family. Ronald has been a resident of Bethany Nursing Home in Camrose for many years and the family has been told that he has been a pleasure to have around.

Thor Horte died in 1939. Marit Horte eventually moved to Camrose and lived in the Rose Villa Apartments. She later moved to the Bethany Home where she died peacefully in 1984. Both Thor and Marit are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Howe, Adolph

(by Adolph Howe Jr.)

Adolph Howe Sr. arrived in South Dakota, U.S.A. at the age of seventeen. He worked as a carpenter, and was married in South Dakota. Two daughters, Alice and Clara, and one son, Adolph Jr. were born in South Dakota. The family moved to North Dakota where they farmed for five years. Another daughter, Alma, was born there.

The family then moved to Camrose, Alberta, Canada. Adolph Howe Sr. had a cabinet shop and the children went to school. Two more daughters, Jean and Norma, were born in Camrose, Alberta.

On October 18, 1919 they moved to Bardo, and rented the Johannes Johnson farm next to Clarence Rude's farm. They were good friends with the Rude family. Adolph Jr. and Emil Rude were together a lot. The two youngest girls went to Grand Forks school which was next to C.J. Rude's farm.

After farming for five years, the Howe family moved to Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A. Adolph Jr. and the two youngest sisters, Jean and Norma, are the only ones left of the family. Jean lives in California and Norma lives in Tacoma, Washington. Norma was seventy five on her last birthday and Adolph was eighty seven.

Adolph and his wife, Eleanor, made a trip to Edmonton in 1955 with his sister, Alma and her husband. They went through Bardo where they visited Clarence and Emil Rude and families.



Adolph and Alma Howe family. Back Row: Alice, Adolph, Clara. Front Row: Mr. Howe, Norma, Jean, ?, Mrs. Howe.



Adolph and Eleanor Howe. Home built in 1962, sold in 1986.

The B.B. Hvidding Family

The Hvidding family moved to Bardo, Alberta from their homestead south of Sedgewick, Alberta in 1912. They rented the Brocke place for one year after which Mr. Hvidding purchased 160 acres from John Anderson. This land adjoined the Brocke place. The Brocke farm was sold to Mr. William R. Simonson in 1913. Simonsons purchased the Hvidding farm in 1926.

Two children, Julia and her brother, Berge, started school at Farmington School. They also attended vacation Bible School at Bardo. They joined the Bardo Church in 1912. Julia Hvidding lives at Canby, Oregon.

Ingram, Martha and Family

Mrs. Martha Ingram, a widow with a nearly grown up family of six sons and three daughters arrived from Prescott, Adams County, Iowa in 1900. Her sons were Peter, James, Tom, Wesley, Charles and Ernest. Her daughters were Carrie, Frances and Ellen. Mrs. Ingram filed on SW1/4-30-50-18-4, where later, the Ingram school was situated in the southwest corner. She bought the Johannes Johnson homestead, SE1/4-14-50-19-4, where Peter and Hilda Korobko are living in 1992.

Mrs. Ingram's son, Peter filed on SW1/4-24-50-19-4 and later bought the southeast quarter of the same section. This land is now owned by Dave Schmidt and his son Gordon. Peter operated a Real Estate business in Tofield. He also opened the first Coal Mine in the Tofield area on his land. Peter married Molly Mitchell.



Mrs. Martha Ingram arrived in the Tofield area in 1900 from Prescott, Iowa.



Theresa and Wesley Ingram.

James Ingram married Catherine Ratigan from Dover, New Hampshire and settled in the Ketchamoot District.

Tom lived in the Tofield area until World War I. He joined the Army and was sent overseas. Upon his return to Canada, Tom and his English bride moved to Edmonton, Alberta.



Tom Ingram.



Charlie and Emma Ingram on their way to town in the Democrat, 1925-26.

He married Emma Moline of the Amisk Creek district. His land was owned by Albert Haukedal at one time.

The eldest Ingram daughter, Carrie, married G. Wilcox. They made their home in Iowa.

The second daughter, Frances, married Guy Owens, son of a pioneer family.

Ernest, the youngest son, met an untimely death in a well accident in Tofield.

The youngest daughter, Ellen, grew up on the land her mother bought from Johannes Johnson. She married William Sears. They were the parents of Tofield's present Mayor, Charlie Sears (1992).

Wesley Ingram filed on Homestead land, SW1/4-18-50-18-4, presently owned by Larry and Sharon Yoder. Wesley married Theresa Nordhus, daughter of his next door neighbor, Simon Nordhus. This land is now owned by Bjarne Erickson. Wesley and Theresa sold and moved farther west.

Charles Ingram, another son, also filed on homestead land, NW1/4-2-50-19-4, in the Bardo area, but decided to buy land farther west also.



Ernie Ingram – Passed away on May 20, 1913.

Miss Caroline Jackson

Caroline Jackson came from Grouard, or Lesser Slave Lake in 1904 along with her father, Jacob Ersson who had made an agreement to homestead the S.W. 23-49-19-W4.

In her youth she had worked as a nurse in the United States. She had a sister in Sweden but was pretty much alone here.

Later on, her father purchased two more quarters of land adjoining, described as the N.W. and N.E. 23-49-19-W4.

When her father became ill she moved back to Alberta and looked after him until he passed away and then remained to farm the land.

By the year of 1936 she had acquired quite a number of cattle and horses while she was farming and would have hired-help to care for them. She did not sell any cattle or grain when the price was so low but waited for the price to go up and this was during the war years, 1939 to 1945, and so some of her long-horned steers were thirteen years old.

Miss Jackson believed that there were witches, trolls and spirits and thus she was very suspicious to the extent that she would spread ashes around the yard to keep them away. She was a very religious person in her own way.

She usually wore long wool skirts and a long coat with a piece of rope for a belt. She liked to bake apple pie which she enjoyed and also a cake every week, but this she didn't eat, so it was usually a treat for her dogs.

Miss Jackson rented out her land during her last few years. She lived on the farm until she passed away in the Tofield Hospital in 1952. She is buried in the Kingman Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jacobson

Julius Jacobson was born in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, U.S.A. on December 1, 1885. Carrie Morken was born on March 4, 1886 in



Julius and Carrie Jacobson. Son Truman in front.

Petersburgh, North Dakota, and later moved with her family to Crookston, Minnesota. On June 26, 1910, Julius and Carrie were married.

In the fall of 1910, the newlyweds embarked on a fairly significant mission by moving from the fertile farmland along the Red River (valley) in Minnesota, to file on a homestead near Youngstown, Alberta, Canada. This was quite a drastic change, but they had great ambitions and soon had a house and barn built with a nice shelterbelt for protection. They farmed with oxen and it was a constant struggle to make a living.

We recall the story told many times by Julius about when he first came to Youngstown. When looking over the machinery on a neighbor's farm, he asked, "Where is your binder?" The neighbor jokingly replied "We don't need a binder here – we hardly ever get a crop." But ironically, this turned out to be the sad truth. During the fourteen years they farmed there, they raised only two crops.

Carrie was widely known for her fine fancy work, especially tatting. She helped to supplement

their income by selling her craft, and also baking and selling bread (up to eighty loaves a week) to neighbor bachelors.

In 1914, on March 5, a son, Trueman, was born.

After spending fourteen of the most productive years of their lives, it was apparent that a move had to be made, in spite of having to leave everything behind without getting a cent for it.

It was in the early spring of 1925 that Julius and Carrie and son, Trueman, who was then twelve years of age, finally decided to leave Youngstown and come to the Bardo district. They settled on the Johannes Johnson farm, which is now the Jim Hart farm. They had been persuaded and helped by dear friends, the Einar Moen and Alfred Patterson families of Amisk Creek, to make this move. Originally, they had all lived as neighbors in the East Grand Forks – Crookston area of Minnesota. In fact, Mrs. Patterson had worked for Julius's mother.

It was difficult to start over again, but prospects were certainly better than they had been in the drought-stricken area they had just left. Friends and neighbors were always willing to help.

On December 13, 1925, a daughter, Mavis, was born.

During the three years the Jacobsons lived in the Bardo district, Trueman attended the Grand Forks School.

It was during this period that another misfortune occurred. Their barn burned to the ground, the cause of the fire reportedly being the result of a lighted cigarette carelessly thrown while the men were threshing and blowing straw into the hayloft. This was another setback, but the pioneer spirit within them enabled them to carry on with optimism.

Here again, the talents of both Julius and Carrie helped to supplement their income. Julius worked in his shop doing blacksmith work and repairing machinery. He fashioned knife blades from cylinder teeth of a threshing machine, and also made the wooden handles, some of which are still in use today.

There were no idle moments for Carrie, either. She continued to sell articles of tatting and fancy work. Many babies wore the taffeta-lined, tatted booties and bonnets that she made.

They were very hospitable people and many will still remember the delicious meals prepared in their home. One friend recalls how quickly Carrie could prepare food, especially fashioning buns, forming one in each hand at the same time.

In 1928, the Jacobsons moved seven miles north of Tofield to the Johnston Ferguson farm. They continued to attend Bardo Lutheran Church. Trueman and Mavis attended the McKenzie School.

In 1939, Trueman married Carrie Kushnerik, so now his wife's name was also Carrie Jacobson, the same as his mother's. They lost their firstborn, Georgina, at just two weeks of age. Later, two sons, Dennis and Dwayne, were born. Dennis and wife, Jeanette now live in Ft. Nelson, British Columbia, where Dennis is a pastor. They now have four sons. Their first son passed away at the age of five.

Dwayne, an architect, and wife, Sharon, live in Vancouver, British Columbia, and they have four daughters.

Dennis and Dwayne were only six and two years of age when their father, Trueman, passed away on October 10, 1948 at thirty-four years of age. Carrie later became Mrs. Art Schultz, and she passed away in February, 1992, in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

In 1946, Mavis married Carl Jacobsen in Bardo Lutheran Church, so her name was only slightly changed – from Jacobson to Jacobsen. They were blessed with three daughters – Clarice, Donna, and Karen. They farmed eleven and a half miles north of Tofield, taking over the home farm when Carl's parents moved to Edmonton.

In the spring of 1946, Mavis's parents also moved to Edmonton. They were active in Central Lutheran Church. Both continued to carry on with their crafts. Julius made hundreds of wooden articles, especially knife holders, and wall shelves,



Back Row: Karen, Donna, Clarice. Front Row: Mavis and Carl Jacobsen. Taken on Donna's wedding day – August 16, 1980.

which he sold at the Farmer's Market, many of which are still being used.

Carrie passed away on November 26, 1955 at the age of sixty nine years, and Julius on July 21, 1972, at the age of eighty six years. They are buried in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Edmonton.

Carl and Mavis actively farmed until 1978 when Carl's health forced him to retire, and they had to have an auction sale.

At this time, they built a new home close to the main road where they enjoyed twelve years of semi-retirement until Carl's passing on January 25, 1990. Mavis sold the farm and acreage in 1991, and moved to Tofield where she now resides.

Clarice, their oldest daughter married Peter Andersen in 1973. They have a son and daughter – Leif and Kari. Clarice and children live in Leduc, where Clarice is nursing.

Donna married Chris Issariotis in 1980. They have four children – Carl and Paul, and Chris and Tina from Chris' previous marriage. They live in Toronto where Donna is teaching.

Karen and Jim Kaiser were married in 1981 and live in Edmonton where both are teachers.

History of Hans Jensen and Family

(by Corrine Innes and Eula Regehr)

Hans Jensen emigrated from Norway to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, soon to be followed by Agnethe Kristiansen. They were married in August of 1895. To this union three daughters were born: Clara in 1896, Agnes in 1898, and Hannah in 1900.



Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen.

In 1901, they packed their few possessions and moved to Bardo, where they acquired a homestead – NW1/4-36-49-19-W4.

Hans and Agnethe farmed actively for many years, retiring on the home location in a newly built home. They lived there until Hans' passing in September, 1949. Following this, Agnethe spent summers on the farm with Agnes and Albert, and winters in Edmonton with Hannah and Nels.

Agnethe passed away in May, 1959 at the ripe age of 91 years.



Clara, Agnes, Hannah. The Jensen sisters watch color TV.

Flotten, Olaf and Clara (Jensen)

(by Margaret)

Clara was born May 2, 1896 to Norwegian parents, Hans and Agnetha Jensen, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She was the eldest of three girls. Her sister Agnes was born in 1898 and Hannah in 1900. In 1903 the Jensens left Wisconsin and took up residency in Alberta where they homesteaded in the Bardo area. Everyone in the family had their own little job to do around the homestead. Clara's was helping with the chores.

In her late teens she moved to Edmonton where she took a course as a Dental Assistant. She worked for Dr. Chinneck in the Tegler Building on 101 Street and 102 Avenue.

Clara, being from Norwegian stock sought after a Norwegian and met Olaf Flotten. He was born June 2, 1891 in Larvik, Norway and came to Edmonton in 1909. Clara and Olaf were married on August 22, 1919 in Edmonton and spent their honeymoon travelling around on a motorcycle.



Clara and Olaf Flotten. Fortieth Wedding Anniversary – August 22, 1959.

Olaf was working for Edmonton Street Railway as a linesman and worked for them for forty-six years until he retired at age sixty-five.

Clara and Olaf purchased a home in the Eastwood district and started to raise a family. After seven children, they moved to a larger two-story house in the Parkdale area where one more was born.

The four boys and four girls were: Herman, Elith, Lloyd, Harold, Bernice, Margaret, Audrey and Orville.

Many a summer one could see the Flotten crew pile into their '31 Chrysler and away they would go for a picnic, whether it was to a local park area or as far away as Jasper National Park. Also, many trips were taken to pick blueberries. Then the next week was spent cleaning them for preserves or baking. Also, many Sundays were spent at Bardo visiting Grandma and Grandpa or Aunt Agnes. They were sent home with eggs and cream which surely helped feed their large family.

In 1949 Clara, Olaf, Herman and Evy, Harold

and Del drove to Buffalo, New York so Olaf could see his two sisters, Alma and Amelia. He had not seen them since he left Norway thirty eight years previously.

Clara enjoyed her association with Central Lutheran Church. She belonged to the Ladies' Aid and spent many hours cooking and helping out at events.

Clara lived to see every one of her children get married and have their families.

She was loved by everyone in the neighborhood and was referred to as 'Ma' by everyone dealing with local stores in the area. All they knew her by was "Ma Flotten".

Clara was predeceased by her husband, Olaf, on August 30, 1976, her son, Lloyd, in February, 1977, a son-in-law, Pat Brennan, (Bernice) in September 1975, and another son-in-law, Matt (Elith) in July, 1980.

After Olaf's death Clara spent three years in Clover Bar Foundation Manor, then moved to Sherwood Park Nursing Home, where she was well taken care of. Clara passed away on April 27, 1983.

Haukedal – Albert, Agnes and family (contributed by Eula Regehr)

In the early 1920's the grain elevator at the Bardo Siding needed a new agent. A young fellow, Albert Haukedal, from the New Norway district was assigned to this position. Relatively soon, he heard about the Jensen daughters and a romance



Albert and Agnes Haukedal.

began with the middle daughter, Agnes. Clara, the eldest of the three had already married Olaf Flotten and lived in Edmonton.

On Christmas Eve of 1924, Agnes and Albert secretly boarded the local train at Bardo and headed for Camrose to be married the same day. Their first home was the living quarters attached to the office of the elevator.



Families of Corrine and Eula. Back Row: Gerry Regehr, Eula Regehr, Corrine Innes, Jack Innes. Middle Row: Warren Regehr, Kaye Regehr, Jane Regehr, Carol Hedlo, Torry Hedlo, Susan and Ray Harris. Front Row: Kimberlee Regehr, Kirsti Hedlo, Shannon Harris. Missing: Jorn Hedlo.

While they were living there, Corrine was born. Shortly after, Albert was transferred to the Alberta Wheat Pool in Tofield and the family resided in the company house, during which time Eula was born.

In the spring of 1934 the family moved back to the Jensen farm where Albert carried on a combination of farming and grain buying in Tofield. Albert's grain buying days spanned a period of some 21 years after which he carried on with farming. He bought NE-2-50-19-4 from Gunvald Nerland.

Corrine attended Normal School in Edmonton and taught a few years before she married Jack Innes of Tofield.

Eula graduated from the Royal Alexandra School of Nursing, and three years later married Gerry (Gerhard) Regehr, also of Tofield.

Albert and Agnes moved into Tofield the fall of 1959 but continued to farm until the fall of 1974. Their years of retirement in Tofield were pleasant years until Albert's passing on May 5, 1980 at the age of 84. Agnes spent her last three years at the Tofield Senior Citizen's Lodge. She passed away August 23, 1984 at the age of 86.

Agnes and Albert greatly enjoyed their four grandchildren – Carol, Susan, Jane and Warren.

Corrine and Jack resided in a few Alberta towns, and then moved to Calgary, Alberta, where they now reside. Jack retired from Nova Corporation in 1981. Their eldest daughter Carol married Jorn Hedlo and they have two children – Torry and Kirsti. Susan married Raymond Harris and they have two children also – Shannon and Dustin.

Eula and Gerry did a lot of moving during Gerry's years as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. They spent several years in Germany as well as Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Vancouver, British Columbia.

After leaving the military, Eula and Gerry resided in Sherwood Park, Alberta and Gerry worked for Transport Canada until his retirement in 1991.

Their daughter, Jane, is presently residing in Richmond, British Columbia and their son Warren, his wife Kaye, daughter, Kimberlee, and son, Brett, live in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

Hannah Benedicta Sand (Jensen) (by Eula Regehr)

In 1901, at one year of age, Hannah Jensen accompanied her homesteading parents, Hans and Agnetha Jensen and her older sisters, Clara and Agnes, to live in Bardo, Alberta. The family immigrated to Canada from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

She grew up in the Bardo district, and attended the local school. In her youth she enjoyed playing basketball, along with her sister Agnes, as part of the Bardo team. She worked at different jobs in Edmonton until she married Nels Sand on December 24, 1938. Nels predeceased her in October 1959. Hannah later moved into a Seniors' Apartment and then spent her last years in the Norwood Extended Care Centre where she passed away on March 12, 1987. All three sisters, Clara, Agnes and Hannah passed away in their 86th year.



Hannah (Jensen) Sand.

Nels Jevning

(by Edna Steen)

Nels Jevning was born July 1, 1842 in Bardu, Norway. He married Maren Anderson Moen in 1868. In 1876 they immigrated to the United States with four of their children. They settled in the Red River Valley, East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Maren died in 1884 at the age of 40 years leaving eight children. In 1890 Nels married Olea Steien, a widow with two children, Andreas and Gilken. Olea died in 1896.



Nels Jevning.

In 1892, word was received that Canada was accepting settlers for homestead land. Nels Jevning, Martin Finseth and two other men left Minnesota in the spring of 1893 to inspect the Canadian North West for land. They went north to Winnipeg, west to Regina, arriving at Calgary. The party went north to Red Deer where they stopped to look at the land in that area. A party went north to Wetaskiwin, Nels being in this party. They met a land guide, E. Thompson, who took them to Beaverhill Lake, and south of the lake, land was found. They immediately sent a telegram to Minnesota informing their families.

Nels Jevning applied for a section of land for himself and three sons (Section 6-50-18-W4), plus a quarter for his stepson Andreas Steien. When the telegram was received at Crookston, Minnesota, Olaf Jevning (Nels' son) and J.A. Johnson started for Canada with two carloads of household goods, horses, wagons and provisions. Meanwhile, Nels Jevning and the party fixed up a cabin near Amisk Creek and when the goods arrived they moved in. Olaf (Nels' son) lived on NW 1/4-6-50-18-W4 but returned to the United States. Martin Hansen, who married Nels' daughter Ingeborg (Emma), homesteaded that quarter. John, another of Nels' sons, homesteaded the SW 1/4-6-50-18-W4. Nels Jevning, a pioneer, was one of the first settlers to arrive in Bardo, Alberta in 1894.

More settlers arrived, as the railway now reached South Edmonton which was known as Strathcona, but it was Wetaskiwin that became the nearest point of arrival and a place to buy goods. As the years passed, a church was built and a school was started in 1898. A post office opened in 1897, with Pete Jevning (Nels' son) as postmaster. The pioneers worked together and built a community which became their home.

Although there were hardships, they tried to deal with them – the cold winters, prairie fires and heavy rains that caused flooding. Nels brought his children with him from Minnesota. Some were grown – John, Peter, Olaf, Andrew and daughters, Ingeborg, Magna and Ragna. He lost a son, a daughter, a daughter-in-law and a grandchild from Tuberculosis. These were sad times for Nels, but he was a man of great courage and had a strong faith in God.

The railway arrived at Tofield in 1909 and this was a tremendous improvement. Nels lived on his homestead and was quite content. This country had vast opportunities and he had no desire to return to Minnesota. His children were grown and had families of their own. It had been a busy, but rewarding life. Nels died of pneumonia in 1913 at Lawrence, Washington at the home of his daughter. He was 71 years old.

Nels Jevning Family

(Information from Juliet Shupac)

Nels Jevning came to Bardo with his family Peter, Olaf, Andrew, Ragna and Magna (Maggie) and John later. Youngest daughter Maren (Lita) remained in Minnesota and later moved to Lawrence, Washington. She married Olaf Hillerude, brother of Hans Hillerude of Ryley. One son, Ernest, saw service in the U.S. Army in the Pacific theatre.



Lita Hillerude, Ingeborg Hansen.

Andrew and Olaf moved to Washington. Andrew married Peter's widow and moved to the Spokane area. A daughter was born to them. Olaf settled in Bellingham, Washington where he raised his family. His only son, Harold (Bud) lost his life while serving with the U.S. Navy when his ship went down somewhere in the North Sea in October, 1944.

Parnell Jevning, son of Peter Jevning, lost his life while serving with the Canadian Army in October, 1917, at Passchendaele.

Johnny Jevning married Tracey Lerle of Ryley. Their son, Neil, married Margaret Fergstad, of Round Hill. They have two sons, Douglas and Neil, who now live in Vancouver. Their daughter, Marian, married Earle Cann and they live in Edmonton. They have one son, Dennis, and three daughters, Linda, Marylin, and Lois.

Ragna Jevning married Arnold Steen, a farmer, clock builder, violinist, and jack-of-all trades. To this union were born three sons, Edward, Alvin, and Robert (Bud) and a daughter, Edna. Edna and Bud served in the R.C.I.A. in Canada in World War II. Edna and Bud also took some of their schooling in the Anderson (Bardo) School. Bud married Olive Orr and they had a son, Robert, and a daughter, Linda.

Alvin Steen was married to Ellen Walker from Mackenzie District, north of Tofield.

Ingeborg (Emma) Jevning married Martin Hansen. Four children, Harold, Nita, Millard, and Emma were born to them. Shortly after Ingeborg's death, Martin took his son, Harold and went to Montana. Millard was raised by the Mitchell family and was named Angus. Nita stayed with the John Jevning and Steen families. Emma was taken in by the P.B. Anderson family, who were well known for their kindness and willingness to help. Angus married Eileen Sterrit and had two sons, Dennis and David. Nita married Axel Kindly and had two sons, Earl and Harold, and a daughter, Norma. Emma married Reuben Eide and had a daughter, Rebecca, and a son who died in infancy.

Martin Hansen and Ingeborg (Emma) Jevning

(by Norma Fisher)

Martin Hansen was born in Denmark in 1869. He came to the Bardo district in 1896-97.

Ingeborg (Emma) Jevning, daughter of Nels Jevning and his wife Maren, was born in Bardu, Norway on April 7, 1874.

Nels, Maren and four children immigrated to



Martin and Ingeborg Hansen – June 5, 1927.

the Red River Valley, Minnesota in 1876. Maren died in 1884. In 1894, Nels Jevning and his eight children and one daughter-in-law immigrated to Canada and to the newly found land, Bardu, Alberta.

Emma had been trained as a seamstress and I am sure that she made very good use of her sewing skills, if and when she could get materials to work with.

Martin and Emma were married June 5, 1900. The entire neighborhood gathered at the log schoolhouse to help celebrate the first wedding to take place in the Bardu district. The school was nicely decorated with wild flowers. Reverend B. Anderson performed the ceremony and the bride's sisters were the attendants. The ladies of the community helped with the lunch, making this a very joyous occasion.

Their first home was just west of Round Hill. They later moved back to Bardu to homestead the land now owned by Larry Foshaug, and donated the piece of land which had been chosen for the

cemetery. It was named Zion Cemetery but was later changed to Bardo Cemetery. Emma was an active member of the Ladies' Aid and sang in the choir.

Like so many of the young mothers who had to endure the hardships of pioneer life, and with the lack of medical help, Emma was laid to rest in an early grave. She died December 24, 1905 leaving four small children.

Harold, born March 17, 1901, went with his father to the United States and never returned to Alberta. He was married in the 1920's and had two sons – Harold Jr. (deceased) and Robert.

Harold passed away March 17, 1940 on his 39th birthday at Galen Sanitarium, Galen, Montana.

Martin Hansen passed away in 1918 at the age of 49 years. Martin and his son Harold are buried in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Stevensville, Montana.

Nita was born April 23, 1902 and married Axel Kindley. (See her separate story.)

Angus Mitchell was born May 31, 1903. (See his separate story.)

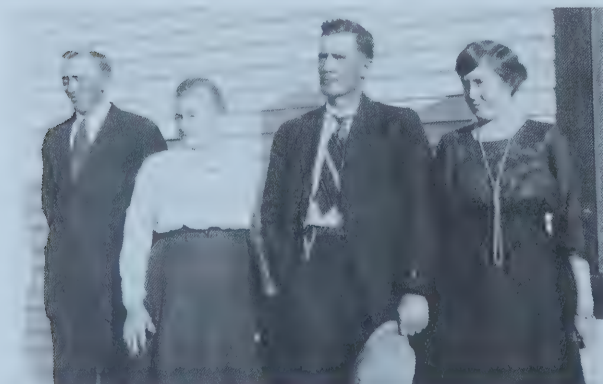
Emma was born August 26, 1905 and married Rueben Eide. (See her separate story.)

Axel and Nita Kindley

(by Earl and Norma)

Axel was born in the town of Holt, Marshall County, Minnesota on February 12, 1899. His parents were Ole Anderson Kjenly and Agnete Anstenson Sandba.

Axel was the youngest and only son of a family of five. His mother passed away shortly after he was born. Mary and Simon Nordhus became his foster parents and brought him with them and their two children, Theresa and Raymond, when they immigrated to Canada in 1903.



Axel Kindley, Mary Nordhus, Raymond Nordhus, Theresa (Nordhus) Ingram.

The family homesteaded on a farm now owned by Bjarne and Alberta Erickson. At that time there were few fences and the children were in charge of herding the cattle. When not needed at home Axel attended the Anderson (Bardo) School, a one-room log structure located across from the Bardo Cemetery. It was at this school that Axel made a lasting impression on his future wife, Nita, when he poured a bucket of cold water on her bare feet. Nita was not amused! As a young man Axel worked at the Tofield Coal Mine for Mr. Claude Gallinger.

Neata (Nita) Margrethe Hansen was born at Round Hill on April 23, 1902. Her parents were Martin Hansen and Ingeborg (Emma) Jevning, eldest daughter of Nels Jevning. Martin and Ingeborg had four children: Harold, Nita, Angus and Emma. Ingeborg died in 1905 and the three youngest children, Nita, Angus and Emma, were placed in other homes. Nita lived with her grandfather, Nels Jevning, until she was eight years old and then went to live with her uncle and aunt, Arnold and Ragna Steen. Nita attended the Anderson (Bardo) School and later on the Grand Forks School. As a young woman, Nita worked in Ryley as a housekeeper. She also worked for Mrs. John Warner who lived north of Tofield, and Bennie and Ann Anderson of Bardo.

Axel Kindley and Nita Hansen were married on December 20, 1923. They were the first couple to be married in the newly constructed, second church. Pastor O.K. Blomelie performed the ceremony. Nita's flowers were to come from Edmonton but for some reason did not arrive. The kind ladies of the district saved the day by cutting the flowers from their house plants.



Axel and Nita Kindley's wedding. Back Row: Nora Rude, Raymond Nordhus, Emma (Hansen-Anderson) Eide, Edward Steen. Front Row: Axel, Nita.

Axel and Nita began their married life as farmers on the H. Haugen land, and a few years later moved to the Nordhus farm to help Raymond. They had three children. Earl was born on the Haugen farm and Harold and Norma (Fisher) were born on the Nordhus farm. (See their separate stories).



Axel Kindley family. Back Row: Harold, Norma, Earl. Front Row: Axel, Nita.

In 1933, they rented land from Mrs. Minnie McConnell where they lived until 1940. At that time, they moved to the Art Young farm near the Tofield Creamery. While on this farm, they established a milk delivery route in the town of Tofield. Milk sold for 12 quarts for a dollar. In 1943, the family moved back to the H. Haugen farm which they purchased in 1946. How very happy they were to finally have their own farm.

Axel and Nita were very involved in the church life of the community. Axel held a number of positions on church committees and Nita was an active member of the Ladies Aid. Axel enjoyed being a member of the Bardo Male Chorus. He often spoke of the trip the Male Chorus made to the Peace River Country battling the flood waters and the muddy roads.

In 1953, Axel and Nita moved to Edmonton when their son, Harold, took over the farm. They lived in Edmonton for five years and then returned

to the farm to live there until 1966 when they retired to the town of Tofield. During this time they helped out at the Hastings Lake Bible Camp.

Nita spent a lot of her spare time doing needle work, which is now being used and appreciated by her children and grandchildren. Axel enjoyed curling, especially in the Farmers Bonspiel. They enjoyed many years of retirement together. Axel died on March 30, 1979. Nita moved to the Tofield Senior Citizens' Lodge in 1981 and lived there until her passing on July 1, 1985. They are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

The children are grateful to their parents for providing a loving and stable home life, for a Christian upbringing, for instilling good moral values and for providing an example of what it means to be a good neighbor.

Earl and Deny Kindley

(by Earl)

Earl, first son of Axel and Nita Kindley, was born in Bardo, on the Haugen farm now owned by John Janzen and his son-in-law, Ken Neufeld.

After completing his high school at Tofield, he went on to the University of Alberta to take the first year of teacher education. His first teaching assignment was at the Standard School, south of Dodds, followed by three years in the junior high school in Tofield. In 1949, Earl moved to Viking to teach in the junior and senior high school. By attending summer school, and a year at the University of Alberta, he finished requirements for a Bachelor of Education degree.

While in Viking, Earl met Deny Staroba; they were married in the St. John Nepomucene Church, south of Viking. Deny was born in Pitin, Czechoslovakia and at the age of six immigrated



Earl and Deny Kindley family – Christmas, 1992. Back Row: Kevin, Earl. Front Row: Anita Lawes, Deny, Roberta.

to Canada with her parents and two sisters. The family settled on a farm south of Viking in the Prague district.

Earl and Deny have three children – Anita, Roberta and Kevin.

Anita married Melvin Lawes from Viking and she now teaches in Provost, Alberta. Melvin and Anita have two children, Kristin and Tara.



Back Row: Melvin and Anita (Kindley) Lawes. Front Row: Kristin, Tara.

Roberta is nursing at the University of British Columbia Hospital in Vancouver.

Kevin has a dental practice in Lethbridge, Alberta.

In 1969, Earl completed a Master of Science degree at the University of Montana in Missoula. He continued teaching at the Viking School as vice-principal until 1984. He is now employed with the Department of Education in Edmonton, and specializes in the Biology 30 Provincial Examinations.

Earl and Deny look forward to retirement in their newly constructed home in Viking.

Harold and Audrey Kindley (by Norma Fisher)

Harold Kindley, son of Axel and Nita Kindley, was born April 26, 1928, at the Nordhus farm. He attended school at Ingram and Tofield. There was always plenty of work to be done on the farm, but

in his spare time, Harold enjoyed sports to the fullest, both as a spectator and as a participant. He was a Toronto Maple Leaf fan and I remember brother Harold listening to a game on our first radio. In his excitement he jumped up and knocked the telephone off the wall. He was always shooting pucks, tin cans or whatever, and his best teammate was our old dog, Brownie. Sometimes Brownie and I were his goalies. In the summertime Harold always carried a ball, and spent hours throwing at the barn wall or playing catch with anyone who would join in.

One summer he built a nine hole golf course in our pasture. Golf enthusiasts would come from miles around. They even played a few tournaments.

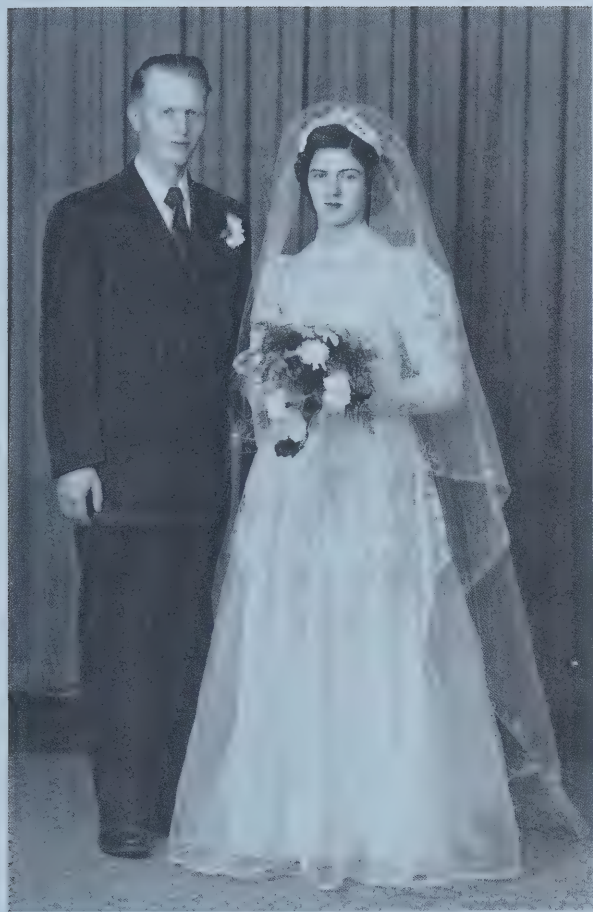
Harold played hockey with teams from Tofield and Bardo. He played baseball with the Bardo team and shared pitching duties with Leonard Stauffer. "Bardo" played in the Power Line League, which consisted of teams from Tofield, Ryley, Thule, Round Hill and Dodds.

Singing was also a very important pleasure in my brother's life. He could be heard singing all over as he did his work. He enjoyed singing with the Bardo Male Chorus for many years.

Audrey, daughter of Lionel and Emma Ferguson, was born September 1, 1932, at Tofield. She grew up on a farm in the Lakeshore district, north of town. She had four brothers and sisters – Harold, Allen, Jean, and Betty. Audrey attended school at Lakeshore and Tofield. During this time she worked after school in the post office. After graduation she worked at Harry Wilkie's grocery store.

Harold and Audrey were married April 4, 1953. They took over the home farm when our parents moved to Edmonton. They lived there until 1958 and because of Harold's health they left the farm and moved to Edmonton. When the children were small Audrey worked in a grocery store close to their home. In 1965 she joined Edmonton Telephones and has been with them in various capacities ever since. Harold worked for Northwest Utilities, Wells Construction and the city of Edmonton.

Harold and Audrey have two children. Judith was born May 30, 1954 at Tofield. She graduated from the University of Alberta School of Nursing in 1974 with the "President's Gold Medal", and also the "Prize of the Chairman of the Hospital Board" for outstanding merit in both academic and clinical work. Judy married Douglas Jones on July 6, 1974. They have two children – Amanda and Christine, and make their home in Edmonton.



Harold and Audrey Kindley.

Richard was born at Tofield on September 27, 1955. He graduated from Northern Alberta Institute of Technology with a ticket in plumbing. He is employed at the Petro Canada Refinery. Richard was married in 1977. He has two children – Bradley and Leah. Richard makes his home in Edmonton.

Wilfred and Norma Fisher

(by Norma Fisher)

Norma, daughter of Axel and Nita Kindley, was born at the Nordhus farm on May 10, 1931. She attended school at Ingram, Tofield, Anderson (Bardo) and Tofield High School. Norma was employed at the Bank of Montreal, main branch, Edmonton for 3 years and then as an accounts payable, receivable clerk for Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co. for 5 years.

Norma married Wilfred Fisher of Hardisty, Alberta in 1955. Wilf was employed by Imperial Oil Pipelines at Leduc and in 1956 was transferred to Estevan, Saskatchewan. Wilf and Norma were



Wilf Fisher family. Back Row: Wayne, Diana, Karen, Debrah. Front Row: Wilfred, Norma.

quite apprehensive about leaving family and friends, but it turned out to be a very happy move. Most of the pipeliners had come to Estevan from other places. We were far from home, raising young families, so we became like one big family. We also made many new and close friends through church activities, cub scouts, girl guides and our son's hockey. Wilf's sister and family also lived close by, so we spent a lot of time with them. We always looked forward to visitors from "back home". Every summer we spent our holidays in Alberta with our families. Our children remember with great pleasure all our camping trips to the mountains, and the good times on their grandparents' farms at Bardo and Hardisty.

Dome Petroleum bought "the company" and in 1971 we were transferred to Medicine Hat, Alberta. In 1974 we were transferred back to Edmonton. We then bought a home in Sherwood Park.

Wilf worked at Dome Gas Plant, South Edmonton and then at the Fort Saskatchewan plant. In 1978 he left Dome and since then has been employed by Alberta Energy Pipelines. He will retire in April of 1992.

Norma worked at National Trust, Zellers, Sherwood Park, and J. Ennis Fabrics.

We are active members of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

Our Children:

Karen was born in Edmonton in 1956. She

graduated from Medicine Hat High School and then attended Medicine Hat College. She graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and Royal Alexandra Hospital as an X-ray Technician. She married Dale Haas of Medicine Hat in 1976. They live in Medicine Hat and have three children – Daniel, Matthew and Rebecca.

Debrah was born in Estevan, Saskatchewan in 1957. After graduating from Medicine Hat High School, she began her banking career with the Bank of Montreal. She now works with commercial loans as an assistant to the account managers. Debbie married Edward Kehn of Medicine Hat in 1976. They have two children – Jessica and Justin. They make their home in Sherwood Park.

Wayne was born in 1959 at Estevan, Saskatchewan. He graduated from Salisbury Composite High School, Sherwood Park and then from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. He is employed by Amaco, Fort Saskatchewan as a master electrician. Wayne married Joanne Bright of Edmonton in 1980. They have two sons – Steven and Jeffrey, and reside in Sherwood Park.

Diana was born in 1968 at Estevan, Saskatchewan. She graduated from Salisbury Composite High School, Sherwood Park and then from Grant MacEwan Community College in 1988 and is presently employed by Alberta Career Development and Employment, a department of the provincial government. She resides in Sherwood Park.

Angus and Eileen Mitchell

(by Norma Fisher)

Millard Ingeman Hanson, son of Martin Hanson and his wife Ingeborg Jevning Hanson, was born May 31, 1903. When he was two years old his mother passed away, and he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell of the Ketchamoot district. His name then became Angus Mitchell. The Mitchells provided a stable and happy home for Angus to grow up in. One of the Mitchell daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. J. Younie) often talked about “little Angus” and how much he was loved.

Angus attended the Ketchamoot school and helped out at home. Later on he worked for Mr. Schultz and the Nomelands.

In September, 1945 Angus married Eileen Stirret, daughter of Samuel and Lily Stirret. They first settled on the farm of Rueben and Emma Eide (sister to Angus). The house was located quite a distance from the road and of course that distance seemed twice as far when it was muddy

or drifted in with snow. Angus would coax their little green Model A Coupe along, “Come on Betsy, let’s go”. Their next move was to the Frank Shupe acreage near the creamery at Tofield. They also lived on the Happy Holmes farm at Ministik. During this time Angus worked for Mr. Kleinschroth doing construction work. They then moved to Edmonton and lived mainly on the south side. Angus continued to do construction work and worked with Alex Kleinschroth for Mitchell, McLoughlin Construction. He later was employed by the City of Edmonton doing janitorial work in several city buildings. Eileen worked for Eatons part-time for several years.



Eileen and Angus Mitchell.

Angus and Eileen have two sons – Dennis and David. Dennis married Leslie Hubbs in 1972. They have two children – Danielle and Bradley. Dennis works for the Edmonton Journal in advertising. They make their home in Edmonton.

David has his Dr. of Psychology degree and is now living in Townsville, Australia.

Angus passed away September 18, 1985 at the age of 82 and is buried in the Tofield Cemetery. Eileen was married to Mr. Robert Moss in 1990. They make their home in Edmonton.

Jevning, John

John Jevning married Karen Johnson who passed away in 1916. They had three daughters – Anna, Mabel and Juliet, and a son, Nelius, who died in infancy. After Karen's passing, John married Clara Eide. They had two sons – Milton and Clifford.

Anna married a widower, William Woloschuk, of Victoria, who had a grown family of three sons and two daughters – Billy, Eddie, John, Eva and Mary.

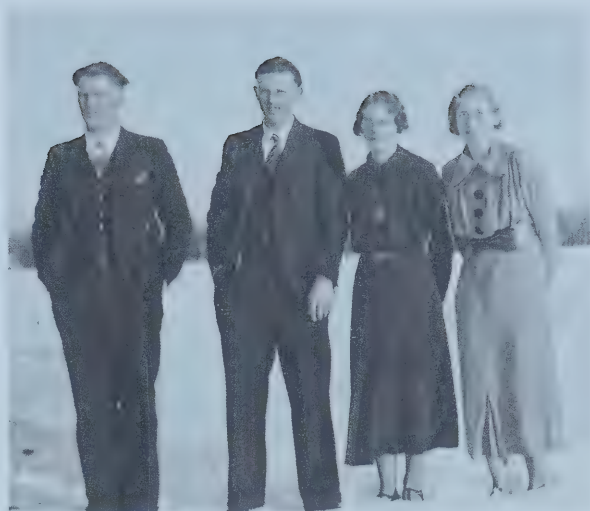


Anna (Jevning) and Bill Woloschuk, 1977.

Mabel married Nels Falkeid, and had two daughters and one son – Margaret, Audrey and Neil. After Mabel's death, Nels went back to Norway, returning later for his family. He married again and had another son. Margaret and Neil still live in Norway. Audrey married a Canadian, Earl Hesby. She returned to Canada and lives in Edmonton.

Margaret and Audrey both started school in the old Anderson School (Bardo) with the crooked logo on the bell tower.

Juliet married Inge Johanson. They had three sons – John, Robert and Richard, better known as Jack, Bob and Dick. Jack lives in Saskatoon,



Mabel (Jevning) and Nils Falkeid's wedding – March 31, 1936. Edward Steen, Nils Falkeid, Mabel, Anna Jevning.



Falkeid children in Bardo, 1948. Margaret, Audrey, Neil.

Saskatchewan. He is married and has a family of two boys and two girls. Bob lives in Edmonton. He has two girls. Dick also lives in Edmonton and has one son.

Clifford never married. His adventurous nature led him to join the Canadian Army early in World War 2. He saw service in Canada, England, Sicily and Italy. On his return to Canada, he went to Vancouver, British Columbia. He hadn't had enough, so once again he enlisted, and saw service with the Princess Pats in Korea. He passed away in 1990 and is buried in the Bardo cemetery.

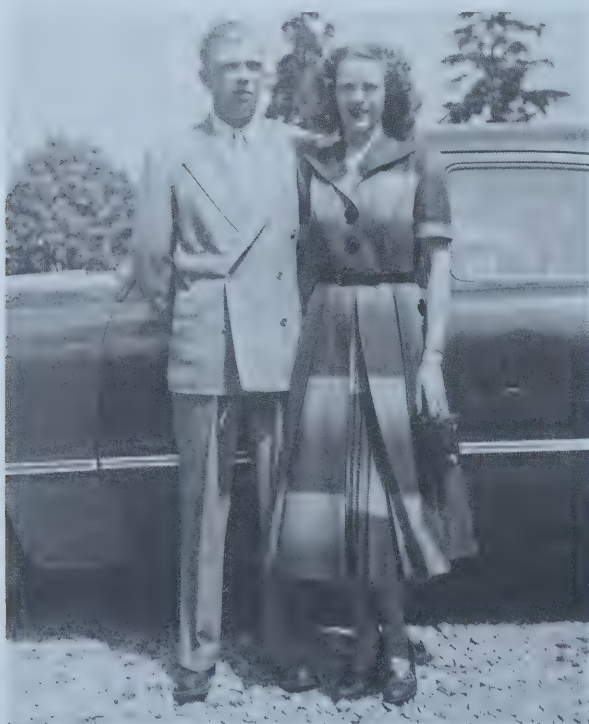


Jack Johanson, Bob J., Juliet Shupac, Dick J., 1989.

Milton married Inez Froland. They have two sons and a daughter. Neil lives in Fort McMurray with his family of two sons and a daughter. Keith lives in Vallyview and has a son and a daughter from a previous marriage. Leslie lives in St. Paul and has two daughters.

Milton enlisted in the army and saw service in Canada, England, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

All the Jevning children attended the Anderson School in Bardo.



Milton and Inez Jevning. Vancouver, 1953.

Jevning, Milton and Inez

(by Milton)

I was born in the old farm house at Bardo, on April 13, 1919. I attended the Anderson School (Bardo), my first teacher being Betsy Ness. On leaving school, I worked on farms in the area – Kindley's, Anderson's, Hendrickson's and Rorem's. I went to La Glace for the harvest in 1941.

I joined the Canadian Army in Grande Prairie on March 9, 1942 and took basic training there. Then I went to Shilo, Manitoba for advanced training in the field artillery. While there, I met Merlin Foshaug, Norman Osland and Clifford Sandboe.



Milton Jevning, Grande Prairie, 1942.

It was there I became acquainted with Ken Froland who introduced me to his sister, Inez, who was later to become my wife. We were both there for two years. Ken became a sergeant instructor in the anti-tank artillery and myself in field artillery. Early in 1944 the two of us requested a posting overseas. We had to take a pay cut to \$1.50 a day!

Upon arrival in England, we found ourselves among a surplus of gunners and a shortage of infantry privates, so away to the Rocky Mountain Rangers, a training regiment in northern England. Infantry training should take from four to six months – we got three weeks! We went from

Portsmouth, England in landing crafts to Dieppe, France -a rough ride, as the channel can get that way. Then we went by truck to Belgium, where a bunch of us were sent as reinforcements to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. My baptism of fire came at 4:00 A.M., October 16, 1944, at Woensdrecht, Holland. Casualties were heavy, but we held. Our job was to clear out pockets of resistance along the Holland - German border.

We had Christmas dinner on December 27, at a place called Verght. The menu said "turkey with all the trimmings and plum pudding". From what I could see, the turkey came out of some large cans marked "Herfold" and I was never able to find out who got the plums.

In the spring offensive of 1945, we moved through farming country to the Rhine River, where I was injured. I was treated in hospitals at Eindhoven and Nijmegen, where I met Ingmar Haugseth and visited with Talbert Foshaug and Arnold Eide.

When the European conflict ended, I volunteered for the Japanese theatre, but after returning to Calgary where we were checking our equipment, they announced that the Japanese had surrendered. I spent the winter at the Prisoner of War Camp at Lethbridge where we readied them for shipment back to Europe.

After discharge on April 13, 1946, I came to Edmonton and found employment in the construction industry. The housing boom had started and business was brisk. Inez Shirley Froland became my wife on July 22, 1946, and in 1949 we went to La Glace where I started working for the Co-op. We also lived in St. Paul, and Dawson Creek and then came back to Edmonton. We raised a family of two boys and a girl and now have seven grandchildren.



Milton and Inez Jevning's son, Neil. Age 8, 1961.



Milton and Inez Jevning's son, Keith. Age 8, 1963.



Milton and Inez Jevning's daughter, Leslie Clare. Age 5, 1965.



Inez and Milton Jevning, 1987.

Jevning, Clifford (by Milton Jevning)

Clifford was born in the farm house on the John Jevning farm, on November 4, 1920. He went to the Anderson School and completed his High School there. He worked for Axel Kindley one summer and then went to La Glace for the harvest in 1939. On his return he worked for George Hendrickson, and in the spring of 1940 he joined the South Alberta Regiment. Training took him to Dunburn, Saskatchewan; Nanaimo, British Columbia; Niagra on the Lake, Ontario; and finally to Debart, Nova Scotia.

Clifford Jevning. Taken in England with S.A.R., 1942 or 1943.



Clifford went to England in the summer of 1942 where he transferred to the Saskatoon Light Infantry. He went through the Sicily campaign and into Italy. After being wounded at Ortona in December, 1943, he spent some time in the hospital recuperating from a broken arm. Subsequently, he joined the Canada - U.S. Special Service Force. This was a commando regiment that spearheaded raids and landings. He was wounded on a raid in southern France in the fall of 1944. After hospitalization in Italy, he was returned to England in 1945. It was there the two of us met when I was on my way back to Canada in July, 1945.

Clifford returned to Canada and was

discharged in the fall of 1945, having spent a little over five years in the service. After a year at University and working on the barges on the Athabaska River, he moved to Vancouver where he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. His longing for adventure called in August, 1950 when he joined the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry to serve in Korea. He returned to Canada in February, 1952.

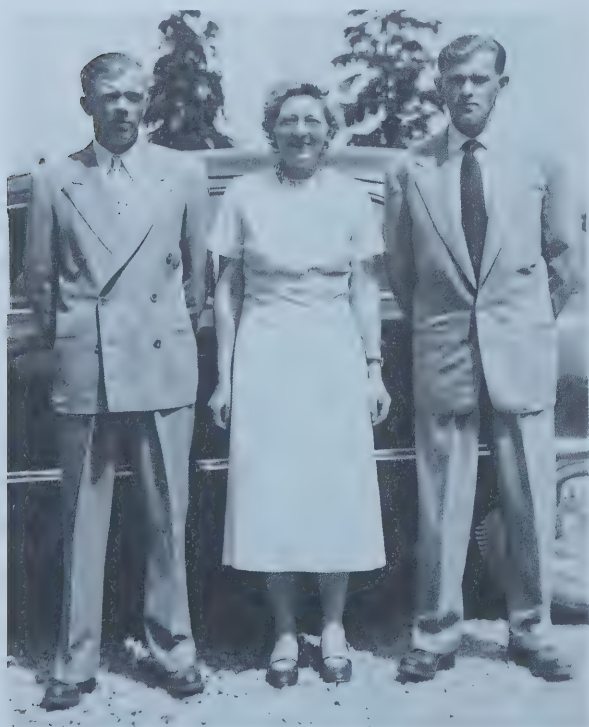
During periods of ill health he enjoyed reading, no doubt an interest inherited from Grandpa Eide. He also loved football and attended Regimental reunions whenever possible. Clifford never married. He passed away on August 23, 1990. His ashes are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

The Johanson Family Story

Otto Johanson, during his youth, worked in various iron mines beginning in the Lofoten Islands and worked his way south to Malm.

Julie Granhus was a seamstress who, along with other ladies, worked on creating the Coronation robes for the King of Norway.

Otto and Julie met in Malm, Norway. They were married in 1911 in a small chapel in the large Cathedral in Trondheim. Otto immigrated to Canada in 1913. He came to Edmonton where he



Milton, Anna, Clifford Jevning. Vancouver, 1953.



Otto and Julie Johanson.

worked at different construction jobs, one of which was the Legislative building.

From Edmonton he took up residence in New Norway. In 1915 Otto sent for Julie and his three year old son Inge. He had saved enough money to pay for their trip to Canada.

On her trip across the Atlantic, there was a fire aboard ship, and although the ship did not sink, Julie was able to save only her son, Inge and Otto's guitar. All her treasures were lost.

In New Norway, Otto, Julie and Inge began their new life together in Canada. In due time, in 1916, Agnes burst into their lives. To clarify this statement, Julie was on her knees scrubbing the floor, and with fifteen minutes warning Agnes had arrived.

Six months later, the Johansons moved to the Jevning homestead in Bardo, where they began farming. The old log house was their first real home in Canada.

Julie continued with her skill as a seamstress, as she dressed her children and made clothes for neighbors as well. Her love of flowers turned any piece of ground into a beautiful garden.

In 1918 Olive was born. She, like the first two, began singing as soon as she could talk. Otto was the teacher of songs, such as 'Gubbe Noah' and 'Stille Nat' and many more.

In 1919 Catherine joined the choir, and on December 25, 1921 Mary became their special live Christmas present. In 1923 Gladys was born, and she too was a welcomed addition to the Johanson Choir. Shortly after Gladys was born, the Johanson family moved to the Ingram place, where Otto continued to farm. In off seasons he worked at the Dobell Coal Mine, just south of Tofield.

Julie continued to sew, to clothe herself and her children. There too, she made the surroundings bloom with her love of flowers.

On May Day 1926, Olaf was born. Dr. Law rejoiced with Otto and Julie, at the birth of another son, after five girls in a row. Olaf was the object of everyone's affection.

In 1926 Otto bought a quarter-section of land, one mile east of the Bardo elevators. Here he proceeded to build his own log house. In the winter of 1928 the family moved to their new home, just in time to welcome two more members to the Johanson Choir. Identical twins, Magda Opal and Marget Pearl, two precious gems, were born March 23, 1928. At 2:30 a.m. Otto called Agnes to come down stairs and sit with her mother, while he went a mile across country to Hagen's to phone Dr. Law, because their birth was imminent. Before he or Dr.

Law arrived on the scene, twin number one was born. Agnes was directed by her mother to tie and cut the cord. When Otto came back, twin number two had made her presence known. Olive was called down to hold twin number one, while Agnes bathed and dressed twin number two. What a night to remember for a twelve-year-old girl. One year later, July 9th, Elene joined the choir. At that time Olive told Dr. Law, "Nok Nu" (Enough Now). He assured her there was only one and no more.



Johanson family. Inge, Agnes, Catherine, Mary, Gladys, Olaf, Magda, Marget. (Elene is missing.)

The Johansons continued to farm in Bardo, and Otto continued to supplement the income from the farm by working during the off season, first at the McInnis Fish Company at Cold Lake, and later he joined the B.C. Packers at the west coast.

In 1942 Otto, Julie, Magda, Marget and Elene left the farm at Bardo and moved to New Westminster. Otto became a full time employee of B.C. Packers, and during the summer, he and Julie worked at Rivers Inlet. Julie ran the store, where she sold supplies to the fishermen, and Otto was a fish buyer for the cannery.

During the time spent at Rivers Inlet, Julie gathered sea shells that she later made into beautiful floral pictures. With her love of flowers and her ability to create, her pictures later became the treasures of members of the family.

The love of art, music, and flowers was an inherent part of all the children's lives. They inherited their artistic talent from Julie, and music from Otto.

At the Johanson's fiftieth Wedding Anniversary the children gathered from many parts of Canada, and the Johanson Choir provided the music for the celebration. Otto and Julie were able to celebrate fifty-three years of married life before Julie died in January of 1964.

Otto made many trips to Norway. In 1964 he saw his sisters and brother for the first time in fifty-five years. He and Julie had planned to make the trip together, but Julie died before they were able to go. Agnes decided to accompany her father and she shared the joy of seeing her father revisit the people and places he had known as a boy. It was amazing to hear how quickly his native language came back to him after such a long time. He was soon reciting poetry he had learned as a child with his sister, Ivara.

On one of Otto's trips to Portland, Oregon, he met a childhood schoolmate, and in 1968 Otto and Helfrid Peterson were married. They shared a happy two and a half years before her death. Otto died at the age of 87 years.

To add a personal observation in the lives of Otto and Julie, they strove to learn the English language, and were both able to write to their children in that language. Otto was an avid reader, and on one visit to the Burts' he asked if they had a new encyclopedia since he had finished reading the one in their library.

To conclude, Otto and Julie were responsible for not only infusing their children with the love of music and art, but their influence has been passed on to following generations.

History of Inge Johan Johanson (by Ileen Johanson)

Inge (Joe) Johanson was born March 7, 1912 in Trondheim, Norway. His father Otto had immigrated to Canada in 1913 and sent word for Julie and their young son to follow in 1915. On this wartime journey across the ocean, a fierce fire drove the passengers on deck, and there they slept for three nights while the stubborn blaze was fought. News of the sinking of the Lusitania with all hands . . . was received as Julie and their three year old son, Inge, lay on the deck. When they had almost given up hope of survival, the fire was beaten and they returned to their charred cabin to find all their possessions burned with the exception of a guitar belonging to Otto.

Losing all their possessions gave the Johanson's a rocky start in Canada. They lived in New Norway for a time, then moved to the Jevning place in Bardo. The Ingram place became



Back Row: Juliet and Inge Johanson (Richard). Front Row: Bobby, Jackie.

available and they lived there while they were building their house on a quarter section a mile east of the Bardo grain elevators.

Inge married his childhood sweetheart Juliet Jevning and moved to Barrhead, just north of Edmonton. They had three handsome young sons - Jack, Bob and Dick. Inge served in the air force from 1942 to 1945. He was divorced in 1946.

Inge married Ileen Bateman in 1946, a girl from Innisfail, Alberta. In 1947 they moved to eastern British Columbia, and to the west coast in 1948 where Inge resided for the rest of his life.

Inge, known to most of his friends as Joe, worked in construction after he left the air force. He helped build many schools, homes and sawmills throughout southern B.C. He was a member of the Corps of Imperial Frontiersmen from 1960 to 1970. This corps acted as policemen at rodeos, parades and fairs. He was cited for bravery in 1964. While policing a rodeo in Cloverdale, he wrestled a Brahma bull to the ground to prevent the bull from charging a crowd of people sitting in the bleachers.

Joe was a multi-talented person. From his youth, he played many musical instruments. He started out playing the concertina, much to the chagrin of his father, Otto. Later, he played many instruments, to the delight of his family. Joe was a big hulk of a man, whose size and gruffness resembled a wrestler. He was an artist and a poet, creating sonnets at will. The big fingers on his ham-like hands created fine things of beauty with gems he purchased in their rough form. His show case displays many locket of opal and bracelets and rings made by him over the years. He rebuilt an ancient guitar, mended its broken body, strummed its strings and brought forth music. Joe was a voracious reader. He was a history buff and studied many languages.

He died in 1977 at the age of 65.

His wife Ileen loves to travel and spends a good portion of the year touring the country. She is an avid gardener and in her earlier years worked in day care.



Back Row: Inge and Ileen Johanson. Centre: Donna. Front Row: Linda, Jerry, Sandra.

Joe and Ileen had four children – Sandra, Donna, Linda and Jerry. There are eight grandchildren from Joe's second marriage – Michael, twins Lindy and Tracy, Marc, Jason, Teresa, Jennifer and Miles.

Agnes Janette (Johanson) Burt

(by Agnes)

Agnes was born in New Norway, on June 5th, 1916. Her first memories as a child were meeting her dad as he came in from the fields with the horses, being set on a horse and given a ride from

the water tank to the barn. She remembers how short her legs were, sitting astride a huge plow horse – needless to say she had to hang on for dear life.

Another very early memory was when she was two years old. She was running, as she did most of her life, when her pants fell down around her feet. Mr. Hans Jensen was in the yard and came to her rescue. He pulled up her pants and away she went again. The teasing she took went on for years. Other memories were of a later time. The favorite pastime was to slide down the ice house roof. The shingles were old, and one time in particular, Agnes, Olive and Milton Jevning had to take turns across Mr. Johanson's knee, while he removed the slivers from some painful backsides.

At an early age, music was a part of every day's activities. Father played the guitar and sang, and led the children in songs. By the time Agnes and her sister Olive were in school, they began singing duets for the music festival, and quite often took first place. One time in particular, there were 63 entries in their category. Agnes and Olive sat through 62 before it was their turn. Agnes still remembers how her knees shook when she walked up on the stage, but when she looked down at the audience, all she saw was her dad, directing from the very back row. Once again they came first.

Basketball, softball, and baseball were the sports in school, and Agnes took part in all of them. The highlights were the league games away from home, when she had an opportunity to meet people from other areas. In later years, curling and bonspiels were her passion.

One night as Agnes and Olive were walking home from choir practice they had just gone through the gate separating Rorem's and their farm, when the sky lit up with a pure blue-white light. They stood in awe, and if they were chattering before, there was now a dead silence, while they felt their way home in what seemed utter darkness. It may have been a meteor.

Agnes quit school part way through grade nine, and took work wherever she could get it. The need at home was great, and if she could ease it for the family, she did – a pair of socks or shoes for someone in the family.

At nineteen, Agnes moved to Edmonton, where she worked at the Y.W.C.A. as a cook.

One Sunday, she and a girlfriend were walking down the hill behind the University when Helen remarked, "Bob should be here somewhere". Not long after she said, "Oh! there he is". He was

pushing Saskatoon berries in his mouth with both hands. They were introduced, and after a relentless chase, Bob finally convinced Agnes that they should get married. They were married February 23, 1938. That night Bob was the cook, and their wedding supper was fried potatoes and sardines.



Bob and Agnes (Johanson) Burt, 1937.

From the one little room in which they began their life together, they were given an opportunity to buy a house at 9864-82 Ave. There began the reconstruction of a City owned tax redeemed house. It was to be their home for ten years. During those ten years they were blessed with three children. The first was Dr. D. Larry Burt, (January 21, 1939) who is Director of Teacher training in Truro, Nova Scotia. Their second son, Kenneth Robert Burt, was born November 3, 1941. He is now with the Dept. of Environment. Then on January 4, 1944, Sharon Frances (Bunny) Burt was born (named after Dr. F. Law). She is now called Lori Voloshin. She is a nurse, but due to M.S. and Lupus, she is not able to work in a hospital.

In 1940, Bob joined the R.C.A.F., serving for seven years. Except for short periods of time, Agnes had to be both mother and father to the children.

After the war, Bob got a job with Imperial Oil, and at that time (1948) the Burts moved to their



Larry and Kenneth Burt, Lori Voloshin. Agnes and Bob Burt – Golden Wedding.

new home in Devon. Besides her own children, during her early years in Devon, Agnes was asked to care for children whose parents were having a difficult time. Those children still come to visit “Mother Burt”.

In Devon, Agnes became active in the Church again, teaching and Superintending Sunday school, singing in the choir, serving as a Church Board member, and Vice-President of the W.A.

In 1956 Bob became ill and Agnes knew that it may be up to her to be the bread-winner for a time. She began studying on her own in January, and in June, she wrote her Grade 12 exams at the same time, in the same room, at the same school, as her son, Larry.

On July 1, she started University, taking the Emergency Teacher Training course. After completing four courses that summer, she was hired by the Parkland School Authority, to teach Grades one to nine at the Graminia School. She nearly panicked when she stood before her class that first day, because the course on “Opening Class” had not been taught. But, she asked the students to join in the Lord’s prayer, and saluting the flag at the back of the room. Then all went well.

Graminia School closed in 1959, and from there Agnes went to teach at the Clymont School. There she taught grades one to five. In 1963 she was hired by the Leduc County for New Humble Centre, teaching grades five and six. During the time when she was teaching, she continued her University courses in evening classes and summerschool. She obtained her Bachelor of Education Degree, and continued to teach.

In 1969 she asked for a transfer to Calmar. There she remained 'till her retirement in 1981. For many years she went back to teach whenever she was needed to substitute for someone sick or away.

Agnes made many lasting friendships with the children and parents wherever she taught. She says it has cost her a bundle in wedding gifts and baptism presents for her former students, but for Agnes, that is a bonus.

The Burts celebrated their 'Fiftieth' Wedding Anniversary in 1988 by renewing their vows in a Church ceremony. Their daughter sang the Wedding Prayer, and son, Kenneth video-taped the event.

Agnes, having inherited her mother's love for flowers, waits impatiently for the ground to thaw every spring, so she can get out in the garden and make things grow. She still sings in the choir, and works in many other capacities in the Community.

Olive Juliet (Johanson) Gustafson

(by Olive)

Olive Johanson was born in 1918, the third child of Otto and Julie Johanson. Her earliest memories were of her father singing and telling stories, and of her mother writing poems and drawing designs which she embroidered onto dresses. Sometimes the only dress fabric available was bleached fine cotton sugar bags.

One of her earliest memories was of a dark disappointment. Her father had taken the wagon and horses to go to an auction. Olive watched for his return and ran to meet him, delirious with joy at the sight of what in her fertile imagination she took to be a piano. When the horses finally stopped she climbed onto the wagon and found to her intense and lasting disappointment, not a piano but a large black bed. This bed in spite of her distaste for it, she had to sleep in.

As she grew, there were people and events which influenced her values and reinforced her innate love for music, art and literature. One of these people was the kindly, gentle John Jevning. When rather often Olive would come visiting and curl up in a chair to read and listen to the victrola playing the fascinating, cylindrical records, Mr. Jevning's quiet acceptance was like a benediction. Olive early became a voracious reader.

When she was still quite small she was given the responsibility of gathering the eggs which her mother took into town to sell. One day she was carrying an apron full down a ladder into the cellar when she missed her footing and fell. Even though she was painfully bruised she managed to cradle

the eggs so none were broken. She still was the egg gatherer a year or two later. She had noticed that her mother never spent the egg money on herself. Her mother's birthday was coming up in April. Olive had no way yet at the age of eight to earn enough to buy the dress fabric she had seen in Roger's store. Why not hold back some of the eggs until she had enough money to buy the fabric? She confided in her father, who agreed to help. Together they sold the eggs and bought the fabric to surprise her mother.

It was two years later, the summer she was ten that an event took place that left a lasting impression. Her parents had just come back from inspecting the fields. It was the first crop on the new land and it promised to be a bumper crop. Ominous clouds were gathering, warning of hail. Her father hurried to protect the windows with anything at hand, then stood watching in horror and grief while spiked hailstones almost three inches in diameter smashed the grain and garden until nothing green remained. There was no insurance. What followed, and the lesson she learned from it Olive never forgot. Instead of spending time lamenting, her indomitable mother called out to the children to fill the washtubs with the hailstones. She turned disaster into a celebration by using the hailstones to freeze ice cream. This was a very powerful reminder that served Olive well all her life "When you are handed a lemon make lemonade – when you are handed hailstones make ice cream".

The following year when Olive was eleven she spent the summer with Mrs. Rorem while Tom Rorem was away proving his homestead in Grand Prairie. Tom was a collector of books – shelves upon shelves of books. Olive spent an idyllic summer devouring them. The next summer she spent with Mrs. Hagen while Martin was away, and as well as reading she was allowed to listen to recordings of classical music.

Probably the two summers pursuing her favorite hobbies had set the stage for the ensuing years when, no doubt rather selfishly, she chose a solitary lifestyle. While sheltered by the overhanging branches of a large willow tree she spent many summer hours reading, drawing and writing stories, poems and songs.

When she was fourteen she began making pin money cutting hair and washing and ironing shirts for the neighborhood bachelors. The yearly Tofield district school fair was another source of income as Olive competed fiercely to glean prizes in academic as well as hand crafted projects. One year

when she was in grade 7 she had worked very hard on school fair projects to earn from fifty cents to one dollar for every first prize. To her surprise, she received a citation and seven leather bound books from the Alberta Government, in recognition of her efforts. She began contributing to the Young Co-operators in the Winnipeg Free Press and began correspondence stretching over many years with young people in various parts of the world. In the meantime World War II broke out and she became involved in knitting socks for the soldiers and rolling bandages for the Red Cross.

She moved to Edmonton in 1937. There she attended McTavish's Business College and began voice lessons. To save the 10 cent car fare, she walked across the High Level Bridge while attending the college. She left McTavish's after three months to look for work. Lining up with forty others in the bitter cold she applied for work at Swift and Co. When it was her turn to be interviewed she was told that she was not the right type. Her retort, that she was the type to eat, granted her the job and she worked there in the produce department for two and one-half years.

A stubborn case of bronchial pneumonia in 1942 caused her to rejoin her family in New Westminster, B.C. to recuperate. She found work at the C.P.A. Aeroplane repair depot. She later resumed vocal studies in Vancouver and took part in musical productions there.

In 1945 she began making jewellery for major jewellery stores and carried on with production after returning to Alberta in 1947.

She worked in the Woodward's jewellery department and later in the credit office, where she met Dave Gustafson. They were married in 1950. During their first years together they took into their home several children who needed family support for a period of time. These children became family members in extension. Olive and Dave also enjoyed cooking and practicing hospitality. Olive served in the church as choir director and soloist. When the family moved to B.C. in 1964 she continued to be musically active, working in the church, in musical theatre, in choirs and by coaching vocal students. It was at this time, too, that she became involved with public speaking, creative writing workshops and in writing a column for a local paper.

She worked as sewing instructor for Singer Co., retired in 1979 and taught under her own license, as well as in Continuing Education. In that year she and Dave began their work as house parents

for mentally handicapped men – a volunteer service which has spanned thirteen years.

Olive continues to be active with volunteer service at a Seniors' centre and still sings at various functions playing her autoharp for accompaniment. Oil painting takes up all of her spare time.

David (Dave) Ivar Gustafson was born in 1919 at Provost, Alberta, son of Ivar Lewis and Pauline (nee Falk) Gustafson. He received his education in Nelson and Creston and later resided at Cloverdale, B.C.

In his youth he worked in nurseries, becoming very knowledgeable about flowers and shrubs. This was an interest he later had in common with his mother-in-law, Julie Johanson. Landscaping the area surrounding his homes became a favoured pastime.

Dave served in the armed forces in World War II. While there, as a radar technician, he was involved in enemy surveillance, and among many courses he studied drawing and architectural drafting under T.S. Band. After the war he worked in construction as foreman and superintendent on jobs as varied as church furnishings and interiors, power dams, high rises and boats, in Alberta and British Columbia.

After his marriage to Olive Johanson in 1950 he continued superintending. He served on the council in churches they attended, held membership in art guilds and collected classical music and fine books – interests he and Olive shared. He was a master craftsman and a fine artist producing fine furniture and many oil paintings.

In later years Dave developed congestive heart failure and died in September of 1990. He was well loved and well respected. One of his colleagues



Back Row: David Jr., Dianne. Front Row: Shelley, Olive (Johanson), David Gustafson.

described him saying, "He was the finest gentleman I ever in my life have known".

Dave and Olive Gustafson's children are David Jr., Dianne and Shelley.

David is coordinator of a non-profit agency with a growing reputation in Canada and the United States, in the fields of peacemaking, conflict resolution and victim offender reconciliation. He also acts as consultant to various Government and church related institutions. He and his wife, Peggy have three children – Johanna, Aaron and Christopher.

Dianne is a graphic artist; she has a degree in art history and has been pursuing her degree in art education. She spent two years in England and Scotland working in graphics departments with the Fisherfolk – a group of people doing leadership research and development for international church conferences. A trip to France to study painting and the life of the local people, satisfied a desire to travel when she was back in Vancouver.

Shelley is married to Rev. Darwin Friesen. They serve in Port Alberni, British Columbia where Shelley is music coordinator at a Christian school, and is continuing her studies in piano and voice while teaching vocal students. They have three children – Nathaniel, Linnea and Joel.

Catherine (Kay) Marjorie Smith (Johanson)

Kay was born November 15, 1919 at Bardo, Alberta, the 4th child of Otto and Julie Johanson.

As a very young child Catherine had a great imagination. She created even then, things in her mind which later came to bloom. She could visualize things in nature, that in later years became her art form.

Being in the middle of five girls was not easy for her. She had to devise her own ways of declaring "I'm here too". Sometimes her ability to fantasize worked well for her in order to get attention. One night she came running in, declaring there was a huge mouse out in the yard. The family rallied to her call to see this large beast, and when the truth finally became apparent, the beast had been a very small mouse.

In her teens, Catherine worked for various people in the Bardo district. At one time she worked for a Swedish family in the Kingman area. There she learned to speak Swedish, and "Nicholina" was one of her favorite folk songs.

In 1940 Catherine moved to Edmonton, where she worked for Johnson's Cafe, and later at T.

Eatons Cafeteria. While working in Edmonton she met Carl Smith.

On November 24, 1943 she married Carl Smith in Hay Lakes, Alberta. Carl was serving in the Navy at the time, so Kay moved to Halifax, which was his 'Port of Call'. When Carl left the Navy, they lived in Foothills, Luscar and Edmonton. While Carl was employed with Alberta Power, they lived in Vermilion, Forestburg and again in Edmonton, where they retired.



Kay (Johanson) and Carl Smith.

Kay and Carl raised four children. Gwen who was born on October 11, 1948 married Jim Brennan. They have 3 children – Carla, Charlene and Kenton, and they live on a farm in the Forestburg area.

Terry was born February 5, 1950 and married Lynne Oswin. They also have three children – Natalee, Jordan and Tiffany. They live in Edmonton where Terry has his own Engineering business.

Greg was born January 16, 1958 and is an electrician. Greg has a son, Nathan. Greg and Sue live at Lake Isle.

Wes was born June 5, 1959 and married

Annette LaBlanc. They have a daughter, Blaire. Wes is also an electrician, currently self employed at Lake Louise, as a partner in the Tara Post Office Bus Depot, and also has a carpet cleaning business.

Kay was very active with the United Church Women, Eastern Star, and was one of the founders of the Forestburg Art Club. When they moved to Edmonton, she joined the Edmonton Arts and Crafts Society. She had many Art and Craft Shows. Her favorite art subjects were landscapes and flowers, especially roses and wild flowers. Among her other handicrafts, she made fungus and bark wall hangings and did calligraphy. She enjoyed gardening and took pride in keeping a beautiful yard adorned with many varieties of wild as well as tame plants.

Kay passed away July 10, 1990, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Back Row: Terry, Carl, Kay, Gwen. Front Row: Wesley, Greg Smith.

History of Mary Pauline (Johanson) Fowler

(by Mary)

Mary Pauline (Johanson) Fowler was born on December 25, 1921. She was a special Christmas gift for the family.

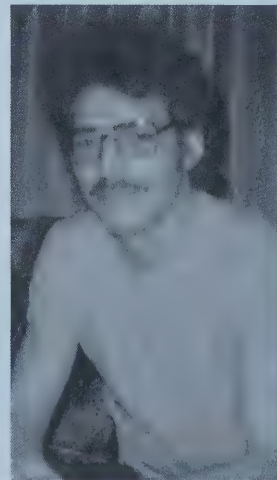
One day when Mary was about four years old, she was sitting in the mud making mud pies. She noticed her father getting the horse and buggy ready to take Agnes, Olive and Kay to school. She slipped unnoticed into the buggy and covered herself with a blanket. When the girls arrived at school, they found Mary with mud all over her dress, feet, face and hands. They managed to wash some of the dirt off, but they couldn't wash the dress. Mary visited the class that day, dirty dress and all while her mortified sisters endured her presence.

Mary's father went shopping in Tofield and returned home with some sturdy restaurant cups he had purchased. Otto commanded authority when he spoke, and in his usual forceful manner said, "These will not break". Little Mary rose to the challenge, for a short time later, they found her sitting on the porch, hammer in hand, breaking the cups against the cement.

Because there were eight girls and only two boys in the family, some of the girls had to help with the outside work on the farm. Mary much preferred to work outside, and because she was so industrious, she did most of the chores. Her mother praised her often because she was such a hard worker. However, a horse by the name of Ted apparently did not agree with the assessment of her ability because he planted his rear hooves firmly on her back sending her sailing across the barn yard, knocking her out.

When Mary was 20 years old, she moved from Bardo to Edmonton where she was employed with Canada Packers. In 1943 she moved to Vancouver, British Columbia where she met her future husband Alex Fowler. Alex and Mary worked for Gainers Meats. They married in 1945 in New Westminster and moved to Toronto shortly after, where Mary worked in Sears mail order house and Alex worked for the schoolboard, in maintenance. They moved from Toronto to New Westminster in 1947. Mary worked for Panko Poultry for 17 years prior to her retirement in 1981.

They had two children. Andy was born on February 28, 1946 and lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Margaret was born on June 28, 1948 and resides in the Vancouver area, along with her husband Steve Greenwood and their two children, Joanne and Paul.



Andy Fowler.



Mary (Johanson) Fowler and Margaret, 1990.

Alex was deceased in 1979.

In her younger years Mary enjoyed bowling, riding horses and golfing. More recently, she enjoys travelling and knitting blankets for all the new babies in the family.

Gladys Evelyn (Johanson) Potter (by Gladys)

When Gladys was only a tiny baby she was often in the care of her older sisters. One warm summer afternoon the sisters were planning their frog hunting excursion and decided to put Gladys in the metal mail box where she would be safe and out of the way. Gladys still asks what the temperature was that day and how long they were gone.

Gladys was born January 7, 1923. One of her first memories is of the move from the "Ingram Place" to the Bardo District in the spring of 1928. She was five then. The house was being built of newly hewn logs. The grasses seemed so green that spring.

Because Gladys was so anxious to start school and she heard that you had to be seven to start, she went to school on January 7th, her seventh birthday. She was not about to wait for September.

This was much to the annoyance of the teacher as there were no other grade ones that year. Gladys was allowed to stay and, in fact, finished the grade in half a term. The following September others from the Ketchamoot district joined Gladys in grade two.

Streams and creeks have dried up in recent years but Gladys remembers well the creek that ran through neighbouring farms. When this creek froze over, the Johanson children were able to skate from one farm to another. The skates were very large so she laced them up with her shoes on inside. It made for a better fit.

Even though Gladys had many siblings, she missed having aunts, uncles and cousins. She knew she had relatives in Norway, but that was too far away to appreciate. In later years relatives did come to visit from the old country, and in 1980 Gladys travelled with her husband to Europe and spent some time in Norway. When she was seventeen in 1940, Gladys went to Edmonton to work for a year at the home of J. Niddrie, the principal of Westmount high school. From there she went to slice bacon at Swift's Canadian. This is where she met her future husband John Potter. Gladys and Johnny were married on June 24, 1944.



John and Gladys (Johanson) Potter.

They had a son and three daughters. Glen Eugene was born November 26, 1945 (Judy Stewart – Colleen and Michael).

Shirley Julie Anne, named after Grandma Julie Johanson was born April 8, 1949 on Grandma Julie's birthday (Jim Windsor – Roberta Dawn and Cori Lee).

Beverley Jean (Ron Marien – Andrea and Michelle) and Laureen Elizabeth (Dean Pierno – Nicholas and Christopher) joined the family in 1953 and 1959.

Gladys and John have lived in Sherwood Park for thirty-two years. John retired from the Imperial Oil Refinery in 1978 after more than twenty-nine years. Gladys never did retire. Nicknamed Grandma 'Make-it' by a granddaughter, she is still very busy with silk floral arranging, sewing and calligraphy.

Olaf J. (Ole) Johanson

Olaf (Ole) Johanson was born on May 1st, 1926 in Bardo, the 7th child of Julie and Otto and the second son.

His earliest memory is of watching big brother Inge going down through a trap door to the cellar. He watched a little too closely perhaps, because the trap door slammed down and severed the end of his finger.

He remembers well the evenings the family sang together. A special time on the farm was when the threshing crews came to gather the harvest. Then Ole got to eat "store-bought" bread because his Mom couldn't bake enough to feed such a group. They also had Corn Flakes instead of porridge!

Ole attended school in Bardo where his favorite teacher was a young lady named Gladys Ness (Severson). That was long ago but he never lost his fondness for that lady!

Ole remembers the winters as being much colder than now – and they were. During the long winters the Johanson well couldn't supply enough water for the cattle so Ole would take a team of horses and a sleigh with a tank to the Hagens to haul water home. In the process of filling the tank with a pail he splashed so much water on himself that when he arrived home his clothes were frozen stiff and he couldn't stand up.

In 1942, when his parents moved to British Columbia, Ole decided to stay in Edmonton, and in early 1943 he began working for a large plumbing and heating firm. In 1944 he joined the army and went to Camp Shilo, Manitoba, for basic training where he became a tank driver in the



Olaf Johanson family. Standing: Gail (Fraser), Wendy (Kautz), Cheryl (Kress). Sitting: Olaf, Lorna and son, Lorne.

artillery. He returned to Edmonton in December 1945 and resumed work with the plumbing firm.

In 1946 he married Lorna Parker, whom he had met in 1943. In 1948 Ole started working in the Leduc oilfields. He worked on several pipeline projects, learning every aspect of the business. He worked on the Inter-Provincial line to Sarnia in 1950 and the Trans-Mountain line in 1952. In the spring of 1953 he began work with Banister Pipelines, becoming General Superintendant by the fall of 1953. He then moved his family to Saskatoon, remaining there until 1958.

His children are Gail, born in 1947, Wendy born in 1950, Lorne born in 1952 and Cheryl born in 1957.

Ole returned to Edmonton in 1958 as Manager of Banister Pipelines. In 1962 he became Vice-President and General Manager and in 1968 he became President and General Manager, which position he held until September, 1977. During this time Ole also served for 12 years on the Board of Directors of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada, and two terms as its President, 1969 and 1971. Ole left Banister Pipelines after a 29-year career, and later that year he began the company O. J. Pipelines Ltd., with backing from Ocelot, an oil company from Calgary. He ran O. J. Pipelines for five very successful years during which time they completed two of the largest pipeline projects ever awarded to a single contractor. One pipeline was 181 miles of 48-inch pipe in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and was completed in 5½ months.

Ole sold his share of the company in 1983 and retired from the pipeline business. The company has continued under the same name and is still very successful!

Ole and Lorna spend their winters in Palm Desert, California. They have recently moved back to Edmonton, after living in the Millet area for 16 years, and spend the balance of the year there. Golf, which both Lorna and Ole took up after retirement, has become a most enjoyable pastime. The four children have supplied Lorna and Ole with nine grandchildren to enjoy. Gail has two sons, Jamie and Michael. Wendy has one daughter, Robyn, and three sons, Scott, Matthew and Neil. Lorne has a daughter, Melissa, and Cheryl has a daughter, Alexandra, and a baby son, Graham. The three daughters make their homes in Edmonton and Lorne lives in Vancouver.

It seems like such a long time since Ole left Bardo – and it is – 50 YEARS!

History of Magda Opal (Johanson) Baglo (by Magda)

Magda, and her twin Marget, were born March 23, 1928. She attended Anderson school from Grade one to Grade nine, when the family moved to British Columbia. She had started her confirmation at Bardo Lutheran Church, and completed it in New Westminster at Nidaros (now Mt. Zion) Lutheran Church. Her schooling steered her toward becoming a bookkeeper.



The Johanson twins, Magda and Marget.

Magda, Marget and younger sister Elene, were singing on radio station CKNW when Magda met radio man Ferdy Eugene Baglo. They were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church, New Westminster B.C. on March 12, 1948. A son, Glenn, was born December 17, 1948. They resided in New Westminster until 1950 when they moved to Victoria, B.C., returning to New Westminster a year later. In August 1952, they moved to



Magda (Johanson) and Rev. Ferdy Baglo.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where her husband began his pre-theological education at the University of Saskatchewan and the Lutheran Seminary. On May 20, 1953, a daughter, Carolyn, was born in New Westminster while Ferdy was spending the summer working at CKNW. A second son, Dale, was born at Saskatoon on November 22, 1954.

In 1958, following Ferdy's graduation and ordination, the family moved to southeastern Saskatchewan to a parish (Broadview, Stockholm, Dubuc). A second daughter, Louise, was born at Whitewood, Saskatchewan, on May 19, 1959. In 1960, the family moved to Chicago in preparation for the overseas mission field. In July 1961, they travelled to Tanganyika (now Tanzania), East Africa, where they resided on Mt. Kilimanjaro. Magda became involved with the YWCA in Moshi while Ferdy was developing a radio production centre for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The three older children attended a residential school 350 miles away for nine months out of each year. They returned to North America in May 1965, residing briefly in Wisconsin (at a summer camp as resident missionaries) and Chicago (where Ferdy continued his post-graduate studies).

In December, 1965, the Baglo family moved to Tsawassen, (Delta), British Columbia, where Ferdy developed a new mission, Benediction Lutheran Church. It was at this time that Magda

became active in floral arranging, eventually opening her own business. In 1971, they lived briefly in Langley, and Burnaby, B.C. while Ferdy was completing his Master of Sacred Theology degree. In 1973 they moved to Langley, B.C. where Ferdy developed another new mission, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

In 1977, Magda and Ferdy left their now-grown children behind and moved to Edmonton, Alberta, where they served Ascension Lutheran Church in Bonnie Doon. While at Edmonton, Magda established Volunteer Reading Aides of Edmonton (VRAE) – related to the Laubach Literacy of Canada (LLC). She eventually served on the national board of LLC for four years. When she left Edmonton, there were about 200 volunteers teaching adults to read and write. VRAE is still a vital program in Edmonton. Magda's floral arrangement business prospered too during these years, so she was kept very busy.

In 1985, the Baglos moved further east, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where Ferdy became editor of the Canada Lutheran magazine. Magda's floral business gradually wound down, largely due to the recession, during the Manitoba sojourn. They returned to the west coast in December 1991 when Ferdy retired from active ministry. They now reside on Chilliwack Mountain, in Sardis, B.C.

While Magda and Ferdy were in Langley, they began the custom of hosting overseas tours. They led three groups to Hawaii in the early 1970's, and three tours to Europe (1980, 1984, and 1990) to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play and visit numerous European countries. In 1988, they took a group to New Zealand and Australia. In 1992, they plan to tour the Scandinavian countries, then privately visit the birthplaces of their parents and grandparents. They hope to continue their travels during retirement.

Magda enjoys walking, bowling, a wide variety of music, crossword puzzles, reading and playing hostess to family and friends.

Meanwhile, the Baglo children have established themselves, are married and have provided Magda and Ferdy with eight grandchildren. Their son Glenn has a daughter, lives in North Vancouver and is Design Editor of the Vancouver Sun newspaper; daughter Carolyn, with three children (two boys and a girl) lives in Burnaby where her husband owns a building supplies and cedar wholesale centre; Dale, with three children (two boys and a girl), lives in Victoria where he is a radio producer at CFX radio's Seacoast Sound, and operates his own production company; and

Louise, living in Sardis, B.C., has a daughter (and at this writing is expecting another child imminently), and is business manager for a helicopter cone-harvesting firm which is owned and operated by her, her husband and another couple.

History of Marget Pearl (Johanson)

Christopherson

(by Marget)

Marget (Margot) Pearl Johanson was born on March 23, 1928. Her twin sister Magda, was tardy for the first and last time in her life, arriving fifteen minutes later. Her father Otto claimed that he delivered the babies, with 12-year-old Agnes as midwife. Dr. Law was called, and when he arrived he inspected Marget and complemented Otto. Otto asked, "Aren't you going to look at the other?" Dr. Law's mouth dropped, and he leaped up with his arms raised and shouted, "You mean there's another?"



Marget (Johanson) Christopherson.

Marget attended Anderson School and Bardo Lutheran Church. She has fond memories of some of the people of Bardo. Mrs. John Ness was a kind and special person. Every Christmas she would send ribbon candy and Mandarin oranges for the Johanson children. Edna Yoder sent a big basket of goodies to the children because they had chicken pox and could not attend her wedding.

Some of the fondest memories of Bardo were the Christmas concerts at school and at church, musical festivals, sports days, picnics in the grove of trees behind the Johanson house, with family and friends singing and playing guitars. She remembers the family choir singing every evening before going to bed. She recalls the family discussions around the supper table every night, where she learned everything from politics to how

far it was to the moon. She remembers reading the comics in the Western Producer. She could relate to those poor twins – The Katznjammer Kids, who were always getting in trouble because Rollo would snitch on them, much the same way her brothers and sisters would snitch on her and Magda. Thanks to a battery radio, she tuned in to hear “The Farmer”, “The Magic Island of Euclidia”, “Little Orphan Annie” and “Hockey Night In Canada” with Foster Hewitt calling the play. Her sister Olive was an avid reader, and every evening at bedtime she would read stories to the younger children. She would tell them stories about a little man that would go up the stairs and put sand in their eyes. Marget had a vivid imagination and could see the man, all hunched over, with a sack on his back climbing the stairs to perform his dastardly deed. He never managed to get the sand in her eyes because she would pull the covers tightly over her head. Another poem that had her shaking in her boots was “The goblins will get you if you don’t watch out”. These stories and poems that she heard as a child instilled in her an appreciation for literature and poetry.

Marget was very shy when neighbors came to visit, but when the family was alone, she was a chatterbox. The children were instructed to be quiet every Sunday after church. Marget must have had a short memory, because before long she was talking at the top of her voice. Many Sundays she would sit quietly by herself with adhesive tape across her mouth because she had forgotten the rule.

Marget and Magda were identical twins. Some people had trouble telling them apart, and their teachers were no exception. To solve the problem, a teacher pinned name tags on the twins. This however, only compounded the problem because the girls would switch name tags and desks. One teacher in particular would say, “Marget/Magda, whichever you are”.

Marget, and some of her family moved to New Westminster, B.C. in the dead of winter in 1942. They arrived to find the most beautiful place in the world. It was love at first sight. There were snow capped mountains, green grass and roses blooming everywhere.

At the tender age of 14, Marget and her sisters Magda and Elene began their radio careers singing on CKMO and later on Bill Rae’s “Roundup” program on CKNW. When they were 15 and 16 years old they were given their own quarter-hour program on Friday nights called “Fireside Harmonies”.

Being twins had its advantages and disadvantages. Magda was dating a young man and was too soft-hearted to tell him that she didn’t want to go out with him anymore. Marget agreed to take her place and he didn’t know the difference. When he dropped her off after the date, Marget told him that she didn’t want to go out with him anymore. She said afterwards that it wasn’t difficult for her because she didn’t like him either.



Martin and Marget (Johanson) Christopherson.

The Johansons attended Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Westminster and it was there that Marget met her future husband Martin (Mert) Christopherson. Mert was born in Glendon, Alberta on December 8th, 1928. Martin and Marget were married on October 9th, 1948 and have resided in the Vancouver area with the exception of four years that they lived in Kamloops, B.C. They live on a ten acre hobby-farm, with horses, cats and dogs. The acreage is four miles from the United States border near White Rock, B.C.

They were blessed with a large family, five sons and three daughters. There were two sets of twins, so the family grew rapidly – Alton, twins, Kathy and Keith, Sharon, Harley, Arlene and twins, Ross and Roy. Four out of the eight children were born with a rare kidney disease called Familialnephronlithiasis. It is a genetic disease that effects from 50 to 100% of the children in the family. When the disease was first diagnosed in the family, there were only four known cases in the world and all families had their roots in Norway. Kathy died at the age of twelve, only three weeks after the diagnosis was made. Keith, Sharon and Harley have had a total of eight kidney transplants among them after years of dialysis. Keith’s third kidney transplant has rejected and he is back on dialysis awaiting a fourth transplant.

Most of the children in the family are musical and all the healthy ones are athletic and participate

in many sports. The girls have horses and have spent the past 1½ years in Australia, riding the 5000 kilometer Bi-Centennial National Trail.

Mert is a soft spoken, gentle person who operated a construction company, building schools, houses and sawmills. He was part owner of a cablevision company in northern Alberta from 1979 to 1989. Mert participated in all sports in his youth, including hockey, baseball, and cross-country skiing. Since his retirement, he plays golf and enjoys fishing. He sings and plays the guitar and passed his talent on to his sons.

Somehow along the way, Marget found time to work full time as an office manager/accountant. She worked for Acorn Forest Products until her semi-retirement in 1985. Since then she has worked from January to the end of April each year preparing income tax returns for thirty small companies. She plans to retire from that this year. Marget enjoys oil painting – specializing in portraiture. In her youth she enjoyed skating, softball and cross-country skiing. In the latter years she hikes and golfs, fights Ross for the crossword puzzles in the newspapers and surrounds herself with all kinds of music, all the way from country to opera. The park-like setting adjacent to their home lends itself to campfires under the stars, with family and friends singing and playing guitars.

Martin and Marget have seven wonderful grandchildren – Lorna, James, Katie, Julie, Kyle, Carly and Luke. The grandchildren visit often and bring them much joy.

History of Elene Ivora (Johanson)

Punsvik

(by Elene)

Elene was the tenth and last child, born July 9, 1929 to Julie and Otto at Bardo, Alberta. Her early memories of the farm were cold winters and very warm summers. It felt especially warm when she was sent out in the field to take her Dad coffee. On the way home, the remaining coffee in the bottle got drained – the start of her addiction. There were times when the Johanson kids would walk to school in the winter through deep snow only to find that school was cancelled due to bad weather. Elene was always happy when there weren't any children having to stay after school for detention because then she would stay and play on the piano. She remembers how great it was to come home from school to the smell of fresh bread.

Many summer days were spent looking for wild strawberries. Also enjoyed, were the many dessert dishes full of wild rose petals with cream and sugar. Many Sunday afternoons were spent playing softball in our yard or watching the men playing horseshoes. Big days in her life were sports days in Tofield when she would walk the five miles to get there, and the treat for the day was a bottle of Orange Crush.

It was an exciting day when a horse-drawn covered wagon would come, driven by "Charlie" offering inexpensive dresses and many other items.

Also a memorable time was a walk over to Gunvald Nerland's house to have a slice of bread with sour cream and sugar on top. Elene always came away from his house with a large penny or two in her pocket.

In 1942, Julie and Otto, with the youngest children, moved to New Westminster, B.C. It was there that Elene married Olve Punsvik in 1957. Olve was born in Norway, April 8, 1925. On November 28, 1959, their first daughter, Karen, was born. They moved to Surrey to a new home in 1960. Karen got a sister, Lynn, born July 1, 1964.



Olve and Elene (Johanson) Punsvik.

Before starting her family, Elene was a Dental Assistant. Now that she is retired, she likes to ski, hike, play guitar and piano, and oil paint. Olve is a retired Accountant. His winter months are spent skiing and swimming. He also likes to ride bike, and hike in the mountains in the summer.

Karen works in Vancouver as a Physio-therapist. She enjoys skiing, photography, rock climbing, and kyaking. She married Mark Montizambert May 30, 1992. He likes to hike, bike, run, and enjoys photography.

Lynn is a Medical Lab assistant in Delta. She married Art Juillet on January 10, 1987 in New Westminster. Art was born in Santiago, Chile. He is a Project Co-ordinator and Estimator. They have a daughter, Alix Lynn, born April 24, 1991. Art enjoys skiing, biking, painting, and carpentry. They reside in Surrey, B.C.

Elene and Olve moved to Kelowna in the fall of 1990.

Johannes (Johanson) Johnson

(by Rebecca Strilchuk)

Johannes (born in Foldalen, Norway, June 19, 1832) and his wife, Anne (born in Tonseth, Norway, May 18, 1829), emigrated from Bardu, Norway in 1901. Their nine children, Simon (Haakstad), Gertrude (Mrs. John Anderson), Johannes (Jr.), Lars, Rebekka (Mrs. Martin Eide), Andreas, Johan Arndt, Karen (Mrs. John Jevning), and Edwin, had either previously immigrated to America, or arrived about the same time.



Johannes and Anne Johnson.

Although the old couple were already in their 70's, they bravely homesteaded at N.W. 16-49-18-W4, where a cabin was built and a home was established. A small house was provided for them on the Eide homestead where they spent their winters. It is interesting to note that when Jacob Boness and Marie Lerbekmo were married at the Eide home, a short log which was padded and used for the bride and groom to kneel on, was later used in the construction of the winter home of Johannes and Anne. The old gentleman marked it and named it "the kneeling log".

Anne was a sturdy little lady who had worked hard all her life. She had worked in the Tonseth area forests before their marriage in 1855. We don't know how she and her husband met, but from the

family stories it is evident that she was a real motivator. She raised cattle in Norway and continued the practice in Alberta. They supported themselves by making butter and selling it at the Bardo store. Since she had no other transportation, she would walk the five miles, carrying the butter on her back, knitting as she strode along. The boys, feeling sorry for her, made a little wooden wheelbarrow to carry the butter, so we presume she had to give up the knitting as she pushed the little contrivance over the rough, rutted trails.

Johannes had a limp, used a cane for support, and walked more slowly than Anne. He had the bad habit of chewing tobacco which he kept in a little square tin. The grandchildren were a little afraid of the cane as he would punish any wrongdoers without a second thought. He must have been fond of them, though, because he always carried peppermints in his pocket and distributed them freely along with a coin or two.

John Eide told the story of Johannes arriving in Wetaskiwin. He approached a stranger and tried to start a conversation, but the man looked blankly at him. Johannes' comment was that the man was a "numbskull" who didn't understand Norwegian! He enjoyed reading, especially the Baron Munchausen Tales.

Church services were held in the Grand Forks School where Anne exercised her singing voice, unfortunately, never at the same time as the rest of the congregation. She would loudly finish the hymn before anyone else.

Anne died in 1906 and Johannes in 1912. They are buried in the Bardu cemetery. Johannes' funeral was the first in the settlement to have a funeral director in charge of the arrangements.

Johnson, Johannes and Ingrid

(by Granddaughters - Gladys Green and Olive Bangen)

Johannes and Ingrid immigrated to Minnesota, U.S.A. from Bardu, Norway, in the fall of 1888. Their family consisted of three sons - Johan Alfred (b. 1883), Peder Magnus (b. 1885) and Hilmar Andreas (b. 1887). For the first while they lived with Johannes' sister and her husband, who had previously settled in the United States. Not being able to acquire land in Minnesota, and having been told of good homestead land in Alberta, they moved their family to Bardu, Alberta in 1894. They brought with them the little they had accumulated of machinery and livestock. The livestock consisted of three horses and a few head of cattle. The three horses got sick and died from

either shipping fever or malnutrition. A bachelor brother, Johan, had homesteaded earlier and built a one-room house with an upstairs. Here, Johannes, Ingrid and family, as well as brother, Lars, and his family, lived until they got their own homes built. Johannes and his family lived on their homestead (SE 1/2-14-50-19-W4) for a short time, then moved to the NE 1/4-19-49-18-W4 which they purchased from the C.P.R.

Their first daughter was born in 1895, but lived only two days. Exactly one year later, another daughter was born, Inga Josefine, which was also the first girl's name. Four years later (1900), George Rudolph was born. In 1909 brother Edwin's wife,



The Johannes and Ingrid Johnson family. Taken in the early 1900's on their farm in the Bardo district.



Johannes Johnson Jr. family. Back Row: Hilmar, Rudolph, Inga, Peter, Johan. Middle Row: Hilmar's wife Inga, Johannes, Huldah, Ingrid, Johan's wife Maria. Front Row: Marvin, Julia, Hazel, Ivan.

Trina died leaving four little girls. Huldah, the second youngest, who was approximately two years old, was adopted into Johannes' family. During those early years, no doctors or nurses were available. Ingrid was the mid-wife in the settlement. She delivered a great number of babies, always having her bag packed and ready to go. In 1921 they decided to sell their land in Bardo and move to the Grande Prairie area, where two of their sons had already settled.

Here Ingrid continued with midwifery and Johannes and Peder farmed. They built a lovely two-storey home on the land they purchased and that house, with a few renovations, is in good condition and is still a beautiful home. Johannes taught Sunday School and also taught the children to read Norwegian. Both Johannes and Ingrid were faithful Christians and were a good influence on both family and community.

Johannes enjoyed hunting ducks and geese, and one day when he was getting up in years, he took his gun and walked to a nearby lake. He waded into the edge of the lake and got stuck in the mud. He was unable to free himself but his tremendous voice was heard by a neighbor, two miles away, who came to his rescue. Johannes had a thick, well-groomed beard covering much of his face. He had the experience of shaving only twice in his life. The first time was for his son, Hilmar's wedding and the second time was for Hilmar and Inga's silver wedding. Two of his granddaughters remember shedding tears when they saw him. He just wasn't Grandpa without a beard. One night when his little granddaughter, Gladys, slept beside him she kept her toes tucked in his beard. She found this very comfortable and later remarked to her mother in Norwegian "Jeg ska sove i bestefars skjegg igjen". (I am going to sleep in Grandpa's beard again.)

Ingrid passed away in 1942 and Johannes one year later, both at the age of 83 years. At the time of their deaths, they left to mourn their passing, six children, seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Johnson, John A. and Maria (Eggen)

(by Gladys Payne)

John A. and Maria (Eggen) were both born in Bardu, Norway and came to Canada as children. They met and were married in Bardo, Alberta. They left Bardo in March of 1917 for the Peace River country where they had purchased some land. Hilmar, John's brother met the family in Sexsmith, Alberta, and they travelled another

twenty-four miles by horse and sleigh to Northfield, Alberta. In those early years they farmed in the summer and operated sawmills in the winter. John A. and his son, Ruben bought a sawmill in 1947. Ruben continued to operate this mill until 1954.

Basketball was played outdoors, so during the 1930's John A. managed a ladies team with his daughter, Hazel, playing on this team. John A. and Maria had three sons and two daughters. Wilfred, the youngest son died at the age of two years. Ivan, the oldest son, died in 1945 at the age of 31 years as the result of an accident when he fell off a horse. At the time of Ivan's death he was farming with his brother Ruben.



John A. Johnson family. Back Row: Ruben, Ivan. Front Row: Hazel, John holding Gladys, Maria.

Ruben married Doris Wold in 1942. They took over the farm and John A., Maria, and their adopted daughter, Gladys, moved to the hamlet of La Glace. John A. passed away in 1949 and Maria in 1967. They were active church members and Maria always accepted her responsibility in the Ladies Aid.

Ruben and Doris had five children. Dale, the oldest, is in the oilfield business and lives in Bakersfield, California. He is married to Sharon Webster, has an adopted son, Gary, and a daughter, Taralee. Marlene married Joel Loken. They have three sons – Brent, Cameron and David, and a daughter, Andrea. They live in Kingston,

Ontario where Joel is a Professor at Queen's University and Marlene is a nurse.

Bryce married Dianne Feldman. They have three children – Vanessa, Robin and Ryan. They live in Calgary, Alberta, where Bryce operates his own business in computer consulting. Gerald farmed with Ruben until his death in 1984. Terry, their adopted son, is single and is pursuing his music.

In 1955 Ruben started a registered Hereford herd showing his cattle at the various summer fairs. He and the children won many awards for their cattle. Ruben passed away in 1987 and Doris sold the farm and moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta, where she is very active in the Lutheran Church.

Hazel married Trygve Foshaug in 1937. Trygve was born in Norway and came to Canada in 1927. Besides working his land he worked as a hired man for a few years on farms during the summer and in sawmills in the winter. They farmed until Trygve's death in 1966 when Hazel moved to La Glace. Hazel and Trygve had four sons. Ernest, the oldest, farms the home place. He has two children, Fay and Norman. He is married to Clara Cummings.

Sidney lives in Armstrong, British Columbia. He has three children – Brenda, Cindy and Donald. He is married to Diane Hights and works for Pepsi-Cola.

Neal is married to Sandra Stimson and has two sons – Craig and Deon. They live in Calgary where Neal has his own optical business.

Ronald lives in Edmonton where he is data processing manager for Majestic Contractors. Ronald is married to Rosalee Ortlieb and has two children – Ryley and Rae.

Gladys attended Camrose Lutheran College where she met Graham Payne who she married in 1954. Graham is a Controller for a trucking company in Edmonton. They have two sons. Brian is a Parks Planner with Alberta Tourism and Debra works part-time as a Recreation Therapist at the General Hospital.

Gregory is married to Jane Forsyth. They have a daughter, Michelle, and live in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia where Gregory is a Food Specialist with Campbell's Soup Company.

Johnson, Peder Magnus

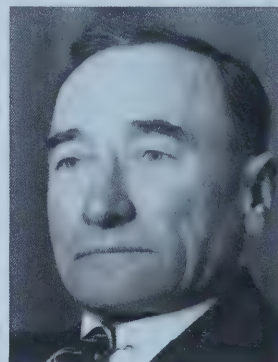
(by Norma Anderson)

Peder (Pete), second son of Johannes and Ingrid Johnson, came to the Bardo district with his parents in 1894. He suffered a back injury in

childhood which left him short in stature and with a disfigured back. This did not in any way disable him from living a normal life.

His farming began on his homestead, N.W. 1/4-20-49-18-W4, in Bardo and continued when he moved with his parents, brothers and sisters to the Peace River country. He purchased a quarter of land there and farmed together with his father. Besides farming, he did a great deal of carpentering and blacksmithing. There were many beautiful and useful pieces of furniture built in his workshop. He also made several pairs of skates for nieces and nephews. Pete loved music and as a young man played the cornet in the Bardo Brass Band. He owned a phonograph and enjoyed many hours of listening to recorded music.

Pete continued living with his parents until their deaths and his retirement. He then built a small cosy house in the same yard, where he lived until he suffered a stroke and was unable to care for himself. His sister, Inga, and her husband, Sigurd, took him into their home and cared for him. He passed away in 1949. Peder was greatly missed by those whose lives he had touched, especially his nephews and nieces.



Peter Johnson.

The Hilmar Johnson Family

(by Olive Bangen and Larry Johnson)

Hilmar Johnson was born in Norway in 1887 and moved to the United States with his parents and brothers, John and Pete, in 1888. In 1894 they moved to Bardo, Alberta where he met, and in 1910 married, Inga Anderson, who was born in Crookston, Minnesota in 1890.

Having heard of all the available farm land in the Grande Prairie area, they loaded their belongings, and with their two children, Julia and Marvin, headed north in February, 1915. They reached La Glace on March 11, 1915. They rented John Floen's land, bought some logs, built a house and lived there until they filed on SE-5-75-8-6. This

house was then moved by tearing it down and putting it up again on their homestead. All of this was completed, and they moved into the house again on December 11, 1915 celebrating Hilmar's birthday. He owned a share in a threshing outfit in Bardø with Hans Haakstad and his brother John. This outfit was shipped up north in the summer of 1916 and operated in the Northfield and surrounding communities for several falls, until it was traded to cousin Selmer Johnson for a quarter of land.

Their daughter, Olive, was born in 1916 and was the first white child to be born in Northfield. Julia passed away with a ruptured appendix in 1917. Adeline was born in 1918, and in 1931 another son, Larry, came to gladden the family.

Hilmar loved to hunt and kept his family and many friends and neighbors supplied with wild meat. He and his brothers, with their hounds, hunted coyotes, which were plentiful. They also got a few foxes and lynx. The sale of these pelts helped with living expenses. Inga often accompanied Hilmar hunting and was known to have shot her own moose. Hilmar and Inga also kept horses, sheep, pigs, chickens and cows. The children learned to milk and help with the chores at a very early age.

Once when Olive and Adeline were quite young they were left alone to do the milking and feed the calves. One calf never seemed to want his milk, but that night was very thirsty, so the girls kept pouring milk into him. When he finally had his fill, he took a few steps from the pail and dropped dead. At least he died with a full stomach! Another time when those two girls were doing chores they found a hen with frozen feet. Thinking they were being kind to the hen, they took her into the house and put her feet into a pan of hot water to thaw. The chicken lived to see another day.

Hilmar loved to break and train horses to ride, and showed the first prize-winning Palamino stallion at the first Grande Prairie Fair in 1951. He was also very fond of sports. He played some hockey and pitched baseball for thirty years. He was one of the best pitchers in the country, sometimes pitching three games or twenty-seven innings in one day. Hilmar pitched his last competitive game when he was 56 years of age. Marvin was also a very good pitcher. Hilmar also played hockey with Marvin on the Northfield team. In keeping with the family tradition, Larry, at 60, is still playing hockey and ball which he loves.

Hilmar and his brother, John, were foremen

on the Monkman Pass road crew. The pay for the foreman was \$2.00 per day. The rest of the crew just worked for their board. The Monkman Pass was to be a short cut to the coast from Beaverlodge, Alberta. World War II started in 1939 and the road was never completed.

Inga was a very busy, hard working homemaker. Along with her regular jobs in the house and on the farm, she also carded and spun wool into yarn, knit and made quilts for the family as well as the bachelor neighbors. She cared for the sick and dying in the community, even helping prepare them for burial and covering the homemade caskets with black material. She also cooked and did laundry for men who stayed there, some for years. Both Hilmar and Inga sang in the choir. Hilmar also led the choir for some years. In 1944, Inga was stricken with acute arthritis and spent the last years of her life in a wheelchair, never complaining about the agonies she suffered. In 1947, they decided to give up farming due to Inga's ill health and retired to the hamlet of La Glace. Hilmar devoted twenty-one years to Inga, taking her out and caring for her needs to the end of her life on Christmas Day, 1965.

When Hilmar was 77 years of age, he visited his birthplace in Bardø, Norway. About three years later, he said, "I just have to go back and visit those friends again". He once more made the trip to visit the people he so loved in Norway. Hilmar, at age 82, moved to the Pioneer Lodge in Grande Prairie where he enjoyed reasonably good health and a sharp mind. The hobby he now enjoyed most was corresponding with many friends near and far. He was still able to care for others by spreading joy in this way. The joy also came back to him in the letters he received from young teenagers as well as old friends. Hilmar died in March, 1976 at the age of 88.

Marvin married Bernice Anderson in 1937. They had one son, Dennis. Bernice passed away in 1984, and Marvin in 1985. Olive married Alvin Bangen in 1937. They adopted two year old twins,



Hilmar and Inga Johnson family. Adeline, Marvin, Olive, Larry.

Lawrence and Lorraine, in 1949. Alvin passed away in 1981. Adeline married Erling Walle in 1938. They had three children – Winston, Francis and Faye. Erling passed away in 1988. Larry married Isabel Penney in 1957. They had three daughters – Joanne, Tracy and Susan.

Bernice (Anderson) and Marvin Johnson

Bernice was born in 1915 and at an early age became the foster daughter of Bennie and Anne Anderson. She took her schooling at the Anderson School in Bardo and also attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose.

A young man, by the name of Marvin Johnson from La Glace, Alberta, who also attended C.L.B.I. at the same time as Bernice, became a frequent visitor in Bardo. Before very long a romance was blooming between Bernice and Marvin. Marvin was born in Bardo in 1913 and as a young boy moved with his parents, Hilmar and Inga, to the Peace River country. Bernice and Marvin were married in 1937 and resided on his parents' farm in La Glace for a short time. Marvin did some trucking as well as farming. It was there that their only child, Dennis, was born.

They later moved to Grande Prairie where Marvin was employed as a mechanic in the Ford

garage. Bernice worked for a time in a drug store while there.

Their next move was to Mayerthorpe where they had part ownership of a garage. When the highway by-passed Mayerthorpe, business slackened, and they sold their share and moved to Edmonton. Here Bernice again found work in a drug store. This store was owned by Dennis and Rebecca Strilchuk. Marvin was employed by Fresein Company and travelled for the company for many years. Edmonton was home to them from then on except for a few years spent managing resorts in Banff, Nakusp and Winterburn.

Both Bernice and Marvin were actively involved in community and church wherever they resided. They showed keen interest in various sports and continued to support the cause even after they no longer were active participants.

Bernice passed away December 8, 1984 and Marvin, three months later, March 5, 1985. They left behind their son Dennis and wife Naomi as well as three grandchildren; Kim, Karen and Larry.

Haugland, Sigurd and Inga (Johnson) (by daughters, Gladys Green and Vivian Balderston)

Inga was born on January 31, 1896 in Bardo, Alberta, the fifth child of Johannes and Ingrid Johnson. As a small child she broke her arm. With no doctor in the area, her father and Uncle Edwin made splints from wood to set it. It healed perfectly and she never had any problem with it.

When she was twelve years old her Uncle Edwin's wife died and left four young girls. Hulda, who was approximately two years old, came to live with them. Having only brothers, getting a sister was very special to her.

Her education consisted of eight years attending the Grand Forks school, often having to miss days at school to help her mother. Because of the long distance to walk to school, she spent a lot of time staying with the Rude family who lived near the school. She enjoyed sports and was a member of the Bardo basketball team. She also played some after moving to Northfield, Alberta. In the spring of 1916 she came to the Northfield district for three months to help her brother and his wife. In 1920 she returned to Northfield and stayed most of a year helping her brothers' families. It was during this time that she became engaged to Sigurd Haugland who arrived, from Norway, in the Tofield area in 1914. He filed on a homestead in Northfield in 1915 and came to stay in 1916.



Bernice and Marvin Johnson, 1958. Standing: Son, Dennis.

In the spring of 1921 Inga moved to Northfield with her parents, and on April 17 that year she married Sigurd. Her brother, Rudolph, later commented that their honeymoon was a trip to the barn with the milk pails.

They built their house on their homestead in 1924 where they raised a family of eight children. The first two winters Sigurd worked at a sawmill and after that, hauled lumber from the mill to Wembley, which was over twenty miles away.



Sigurd Haugland family. Back Row: Sylvia, Herman, Stanley, Norma. Front Row: Alice, Gladys, Sigurd, Inga, Nelius, Vivian.

Their life on the homestead consisted of a great deal of hard work. For many years they milked ten to twelve cows. Inga was a great seamstress and made clothes for the children from old clothes given to them. She could duplicate clothing by looking at a picture in the catalogue.

Wild meat and berries were a big part of their menu, and a large garden kept them supplied with vegetables. Her ability to shoot the 22 rifle supplied them with a great many prairie chickens. She could even shoot them from inside the house by quietly opening the window.

A tragedy struck in 1947 when their eldest son Stanley met an accidental death. This left a large void in their lives.

In 1962 they sold the farm and built a house in the hamlet of La Glace. Inga now had more time to devote to knitting and crocheting which she had learned as a child. Much of her time was spent working with the ladies church organization. She had the misfortune of breaking a hip in the fall of 1976 and spent most of the following year in the hospital. In July, 1977 they moved to Pioneer

Lodge in Grande Prairie. Being a very determined person she made a complete recovery.

In May, 1979 Sigurd passed away, and in December, 1988, at the age of 92 years, Inga died after four years in an auxiliary hospital. Her descendents, in the year 1991, consist of five daughters and two sons – Sylvia (John) Hrubizna, Norma (Phillip) Anderson, Herman (Flossie), Gladys (Bill) Green, Nelius (Marilyn), Alice (Ralph) Soiseth, Vivian (Gilbert) Balderston, twenty-two grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

The George Rudolph Johnson Family (by Walter T. Johnson – son of G. Rudolph Johnson)

Rudolph was born March 31, 1900 at Bardo, Alberta. He grew up on a farm with three brothers and two sisters. In the fall of 1917 he went to Camrose Lutheran College and later took some teacher training at Normal School in Camrose. He met Kate Tiffany at College. He taught school north of Camrose and then in the Northfield area.

Rudolph and Kate were married at Meeting Creek and moved to La Glace. They lived on a farm. Many of his relatives lived there at the time. They were once pioneers of the Bardo area and now they were pioneers of the Grande Prairie area.



Rudolph, Frances, Walter and Kate Johnson, 1949.

After they settled there, Rudolph worked in a lumber mill for his cousin, and Kate helped with the cooking. In the summer they farmed their new farm. In 1932 a son, Walter, was born and in 1948 a daughter, Frances, was adopted. She was nine years old. They sang in choirs, played in bands and participated in most sports. Kate was the organist at the same church for fifty years. She also had hundreds of music students in that time. Rudolph was active on many boards such as the Co-op and Federated Co-ops. He was Councillor and

Chairman of the County for many years. They farmed until Rudolph had a very serious heart attack in the early fifties. They retired from farming and moved to the Village of La Glace. After retirement, they published a book about Northfield. In the book, Kate wrote a poem – a tribute to the District of Northfield which was later put to music. Since then, several of her other poems have been put to music also. In 1967 Rudolph and Kate went on a trip to Norway to see his Dad's homeland. What a thrill it was for them to go to the church where his father was married, and visit with cousins he had only heard of, but never seen. To see the fjords, where his father worked as a fisherman, and the midnight sun, was a great experience for them.



Rudolph and Kate Johnson.

Then in 1979 they sold their house and moved to the Pioneer Lodge, in order to make it easier, both to get to the doctor and for Frances and husband, Bev, to look in on them. Both Rudolph and Kate have passed away – Rudolph in 1980 and Kate in 1989. But they are still remembered for their Community and Church efforts both in La Glace and Grande Prairie.

Some news of their family – Frances is married to Beverly Van Schaick and Walter married Audrey McIntyre. Frances and Bev farm at Wembley, Alberta. They have four children and six grandchildren. Walter and Audrey have four children and four grandchildren. Walter and Audrey live in Brooks, Alberta.

The Lars Johnson Family

(by Gordon Johnson)

Lars Johnson was born at Bardu, Norway on September 20, 1862 to his parents, Johannes and Anne Johnson. Lars had five brothers and three sisters who all came to America.

Lars married Sigrid Anna Melhus in Bardu, Norway on January 1, 1886. She died August 21, 1886 just after the birth of their son, Sigurd Monrad, born August 11, 1886. Lars used the name Melhus in Norway.

Lars immigrated to Fisher-Landing, Minnesota, U.S.A., arriving on August 23, 1888. He obtained land at Climax, Minnesota.



Lars Johnson family, 1931. Back Row: Selmer, John, Olaf, Ralph, Richard. Center: Amanda, Alma, Laura, Hilda. Seated: Lars and Maria.

Lars married Maria Lokkin on November 16, 1889. Maria was born in Norway on February 14, 1865 to Lars and Anne Lokkin.

Three children were born to Lars and Maria in Climax. They were Amanda, Alma and Selmer.

In 1894, Lars and family moved to Bardo, Alberta. They homesteaded the SE 1/4-12-50-19-W4 and farmed there. Seven more children were born while in Bardo. They were John, Olaf, Laura, Hilda, Ralph, Richard, and Esther. Esther died before the age of two in 1912.

In 1911, Lars bought a store at Kingman, Alberta and also operated a cafe there. In 1912 Lars came over the Edson Trail to look for land for himself and his sons. He bought the east half of section 14-74-8-6 which is still in the Johnson name. He filed on land for three of the oldest boys.

In 1913 he returned to La Glace to build a house and barn and to break some land. Selmer and Olaf accompanied him.

On February 20, 1914 the family left Kingman, and they reached their new home on March 10, 1914.

Lars and Maria were active in the community of La Glace and Buffalo Lakes. Their home was a halfway house for teamsters travelling to Sexsmith. Meals were served for thirty five cents. Maria served as a midwife for the area.

Lars Johnson died November 6, 1936 and Maria died September 21, 1951. Their descendants are too numerous to be listed but a brief history follows.

Amanda Lydia (born September 16, 1890; died March 17, 1986) married Peder Martin Haugen on May 10, 1911. They had one daughter, Mary Henriette Florence, two grandsons, and two great-grandsons.

Alma Josephine (born February 5, 1892; died February 19, 1965) married Ingebrigt Vekved on July 31, 1912. They had three children – Mildred Luella, Ingmar Ingeman and Alf Millard (all are deceased). There are seven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

Selmer Monrad (born December 2, 1893; died December 27, 1984) married Sigrid Lillian Eggen on July 11, 1928. They had one daughter, Donna Lois, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

John George (born January 2, 1896; died April 13, 1978) married Gertrude Johanna Fredland on October 31, 1922. They had four children – Leonard, Irene, Gordon and Allen. There are eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren, with two more expected in 1992.

Olaf Herman (born April 7, 1898; died September 25, 1968) married Annie Belinda Johnson on June 16, 1926. They had three daughters – Esther, Mavis and Claris, seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Laura Marie (born December 8, 1899; died August 24, 1986) married John Nergaard on November 16, 1919. They had eight children – Levina, Juel, Wilma, Lloyd, Inez, Roy, Bernice and Beatrice. There are thirty grandchildren, and forty-one great-grandchildren.

Hilda Kristine (born May 9, 1902) married Mathias C. Bakstad on April 28, 1923. They had four children – Lyle, Esther, Clifford, and Elvina. There are fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Ralph Millard (born April 19, 1904) married Ingeborg Heimdal. They divorced and he married Marie Hornland Berg on June 21, 1966. They had one daughter, Florence. Ralph has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Richard Edin (born February 23, 1908; died April 21, 1990) married Borghild Vekved on November 16, 1929. They had one son, Donald Louis, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Esther Helene (born October 1910; died June 1912). She is buried in the Bardo cemetery.

Johnson, Selmer and Sigrid (Eggen)

(by Donna Adkins)

Sigrid Lillian Eggen was born on December 20, 1905 in Bardo, Alberta, the youngest daughter of Peder and Ingaborg Eggen. (I believe she took all her schooling in Bardo.) She was confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church around 1920. Sigrid had polio when she was five years old, which left her slightly crippled, so she was never able to fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse. On July 11, 1928, she married Selmer Johnson in the Bardo Lutheran Church.



Selmer and Sigrid Johnson's wedding – July 11, 1928.

Selmer Monrad Johnson was born in Climax, Minnesota, on December 2, 1893, the third child of Lars and Maria (Lokkin) Johnson. The Johnsons immigrated to Bardo in 1894. Selmer took his schooling in Bardo and Kingman. He was confirmed in Bardo Lutheran Church in 1909. In 1913, he made the long journey over the Edson Trail to the Peace River country, and settled in the La Glace district. He helped his dad improve his land and bought a quarter section of his own, which he later sold. He was the only one of the Lars Johnson boys who didn't farm. He was a journeyman mechanic and was also licensed to operate steam engines. Selmer was a charter member of the Norden Lutheran Church at La Glace. He was an avid baseball and hockey player in his youth. I'm not sure just when Selmer returned to the Tofield – Bardo area, working as a mechanic and on the pipeline. It was during this period that Selmer and Sigrid were married. They lived in Tofield until 1940, then moved to La Glace, where Selmer ran a garage for his sister, Amanda Haugen. The family also spent a winter in the 'bush' north of Northfield, Alberta. In 1944 they moved to High Prairie, Alberta where they stayed for two years. 1946 took them to Peace River, where Selmer was shop foreman at Forseth Motors for over twenty years. Sigrid was very involved in the United Church in Peace River, and also in the Hospital Auxiliary. During these years, they were known as Auntie and Uncle Johnson to most everyone.

In the fall of 1966, Selmer suffered a stroke, from which he never fully recovered. Sigrid's

health was not that good, so in 1969 they moved to La Glace to live out their retirement years. Sigrid passed away on June 2, 1976, at age 70. Selmer moved to Westlock, Alberta to be near his daughter, Donna, and her family. He lived in Pembina Lodge until his health dictated a move to the Nursing Home. During his years in Westlock, he still enjoyed watching baseball and hockey. He especially loved to watch his three grandchildren play hockey. He adored his one granddaughter and lived to see three great-grandchildren, whom he truly treasured. Selmer passed away on December 27, 1984, at age 91. He and Sigrid are both buried in Norden Cemetery, La Glace, Alberta.

Donna (Johnson) Adkins

(by Donna)

I, Donna Lois Johnson, was born on June 18, 1937, in Edmonton, Alberta. Five weeks later I became a permanent member of the Johnson and Eggen families, as I was adopted by Selmer and Sigrid Johnson. I never lived in the Bardo district, but have many fond memories of summer holidays, and a Christmas or two with the Iver Moen and Emil Rude families. My cousins were quite special to me, as I was an only child. I also



Selmer and Sigrid Johnson – Christmas, 1975.



Grandma Eggen and Donna Johnson.

remember good times spent with friends of my parents and their families.

My first three years were spent living in Tofield. Then La Glace, Alberta became my home for the next four years, where I got to know relatives on the Johnson side. I started my schooling in High Prairie, Alberta. Third grade found me in Peace River, Alberta, where I lived until I married. This is the place I still consider home'. I liked music and took seven years of piano and theory. I also enjoyed figure skating for a number of years. At the ripe old age of forty-nine I started golfing and have become addicted. Career-wise, juggled between raising four children, I worked for the Town of Westlock at the swimming pool and arena for a number of years. I did books for Ron Adkins Plumbing for ten years. At present I am employed by the Provincial Government at ALCB in Westlock. I have had this job for fourteen years.



Ron and Donna (Johnson) Adkins.

On October 23, 1954, I married Ron Adkins in St. Paul's United Church in Peace River. Ron was born March 18, 1935, in Westlock, Alberta. His family farmed in the area and his grandparents were among the first settlers in the district, arriving in 1905 from England. Ron was a surveyor with the Department of Highways for a number of years before becoming a plumber and gasfitter. After living in various parts of Alberta for about twelve years, we settled in Westlock in 1965. We owned our own business from 1965 until the shakey 80's arrived. Ron now works out of Local 488 in Edmonton. He played both baseball and hockey

in his younger days and later coached both of these sports at minor and senior levels. He now golfs also. We both enjoy travelling as much as we can. We had four children, all born in Westlock, Alberta. Our daughter was a high school and college honors student. Our three boys were all very athletic and all had try-outs with major, junior hockey teams. We were blessed with two great daughters-in-law and a super son-in-law, who was a kind and generous young man. Our seven grandchildren are very special to us. We are fortunate to have them all living close by, so we see them regularly.

The Adkins Children

Valerie Dawn was born on May 28, 1955. She is a medical secretary and has worked for the same doctor in Edmonton since 1974. On October 22, 1983 she married Roger St. Arnaud from Vimy, Alberta. They had two daughters. Kelsi Rae was born on March 1, 1985 and Keisha Dawn was born on April 22, 1987. Roger passed away on January 13, 1990. He had a heart attack while playing



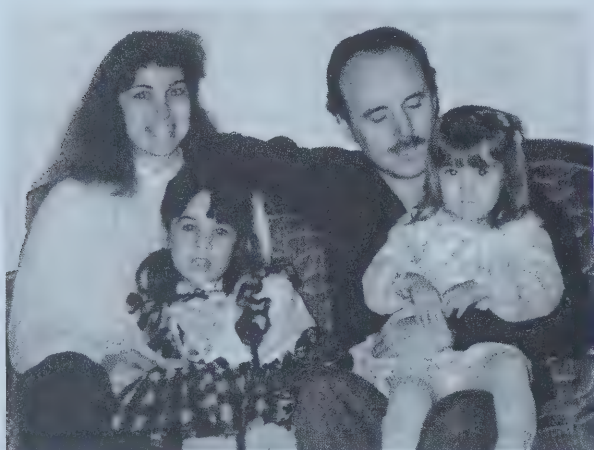
The Adkins family – December, 1989. Dale, Rad, Ron, Donna, Val, Cal.



The St. Arnaud family – December, 1989. Roger, Kelsi, Keisha, Val.

hockey in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He was thirty-seven years old. Val and her girls live in St. Albert, Alberta. Val is a strong and very efficient gal, so is coping well, and her busy life goes on.

Calvin Ronald arrived on May 29, 1956. He is a plumber and gasfitter and works through Local 488, Edmonton. He also spent a few years in the oil patch. Cal married Vivianne Huot, from Vimy, on June 11, 1983. They live in Legal, Alberta, and have two girls. Renée Natalie was born on December 10, 1983, and Tessa Louise was born on January 1, 1987. Cal is an avid golfer and still plays hockey.



Viv, Renée, Cal, Tessa Adkins – December, 1989.

Dale Craig was born on May 23, 1957. He is a mechanic and shop foreman at Doherty's Garage in Westlock. Dale married a local girl, Evelyn Ford, on July 29, 1978. They have three children – Kandyce Lee born on December 22, 1978, Toni Dawn born on August 18, 1980, and Brandon Dale born on July 30, 1987. Dale still keeps active playing volleyball, golfing a bit and coaching girl's softball.



Ev, Toni, Kandyce, Dale, Brandon Adkins – July, 1989.

Rad Wayne arrived on August 14, 1958, the last of the Adkin clan. He is also a plumber-gasfitter and works through Local 488. Rad lives in Edmonton, still enjoys some sports and is an avid traveller, spending winters in the Canary Islands, Spain, Holland, Thailand and Costa Rica. He is still single but has had a 'Heather' in his life for a while now.

Johnson, Andreas and Ingeborg

(by Harold Johnson)

Andreas Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Johnson Sr., was born in Bardu, Norway in 1866. He married Ingeborg Boness, (born in 1876) in Norway. They had three children – Harold born in 1894, Astrid born in 1896, and Inga born in 1907. Both Harold and Astrid were born in Bardu, Norway and immigrated to Canada with their mother in 1901. Inga was born in Canada.

Andreas Johnson and his brother-in-law, Jacob Boness went to Bardo, Alberta in the fall of



Andreas and Ingeborg Johnson's wedding, 1893. Bones, Norway.

1900. Andreas filed on a homestead quarter (SW-36-49-19-W4). The next summer (1901) about twenty-one people came from Norway to the Bardo area. On the day they landed in Halifax, Harold celebrated his seventh birthday.

Among those arriving in Canada was Harold's mother, sister Astrid, Harold, Mrs. Martin Eide and family, Ingebrigt Haugseth, his wife and Ingvar, Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Johnson Sr. (Harold's grandparents), Mrs. Viken and Emma, Hans Haugland, Harold's two aunts, Petra and Trina Boness, and Karen (Mrs. John Jevning) – Harold's aunt on his father's side. Now (1992) Harold is the only one living of the group.

The first winter the family lived with Harold's uncle, Johannes Johnson Jr., his father's brother. In the fall of 1902 they moved to their homestead and in 1911 they sold the land and bought a lumber yard in Kingman, Alberta.



The Andreas Johnson family, 1914. Andreas, Inga, Ingeborg, Harold, Astrid.

In 1915, Harold left the nest and took a homestead in the Peace River Country where he spent all his working days. Harold married Marjorie Drinsdale in 1962. They moved to Kelowna, British Columbia where they continue to live. Astrid married Thor Thorson from the Kingman area. Thor was born in Bø Telemark, Norway in 1888. Two children, Inez and Talbert, were born to the Thorsens while living in Kingman. They moved to Okotoks, Alberta in 1922 where a third son, Arne, was born. Astrid passed away in 1970 and Thor in 1972.

Inga married Gordon Vague. They had two daughters, Sandra and Irene. Gordon and Inga lived in Vancouver, British Columbia so Andrew and Ingeborg moved there in 1945. Andrew passed

away in 1947 and Ingeborg passed away in 1955. Both Inga and Gordon have passed away also.

Harold says, "If I can hold on for 2½ years more, I'll be 100 years, the same age as the Bardo settlement." (1994)



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson.

Edwin Johnson and Trina (Boness) Johnson

(by Laurel Erickson Lamarche)

Great-Grandpa Edwin left Bardu, Norway in 1887 at the age of 22. He joined his siblings at Crookston, Minnesota, and approximately two years later, they all moved to Bardo, Alberta.

In 1901 they were joined by their parents, Johannes and Anne Johnson, who owned the quarter of land across from the Salem Mennonite Church.

Great-Grandma Trina (born in 1879) came to Bardo, Alberta in 1901 with her sisters and Great-Grandpa Edwin's sister. Trina's father, Hans Boness, and her grandfather, Jacob Boness Nordhus, came to Canada in 1902. Hans received clear title to his homestead, SW 30-49-18-4, on February 29, 1908. Jacob filed on the north 80 acres of SE 1/4-18-50-18-4 in 1902. Because he was 84 years old at the time he felt that this would be enough land for himself. His house was split in two, living quarters and carpenter shop. Jacob had started apprenticing in woodwork at eight years of age and was an excellent cabinet maker. He made a lot of furniture for the families in and around the Bardo area. Jacob died in 1908.



Edwin and Trina Johnson. Back Row: Minnie, Trina holding Julia, Annie. Front Row: Huldah, Edwin standing behind.

Edwin and Trina were married in March, 1902 by Bersvend Anderson. They had four girls - Minnie (1904), Annie (1905), Huldah (1906) and Julia (1907).

Edwin received clear title to his homestead, SW 20-49-18-4, on September 18, 1906.

Tragedy struck their family when Great-Grandma Trina died on September 2, 1909, after a short illness. She is buried in the Bardo Cemetery. The four little girls were placed in various homes as Great-Grandpa Edwin felt he couldn't take proper care of them.

In 1919 Great-Grandpa Edwin sold his land and moved to the Grande Prairie region with Annie, Julia and Minnie. He continued to farm at Northfield (La Glace) until his death in March, 1943.

Huldah was brought up by the Johannes Johnson Jr. family and stayed with them until she married Oleif Lundberg. Huldah passed away in 1951.

Annie married Olaf Johnson. She died in 1977 and Olaf died in 1968.



The Edwin Johnson family, 1937. Back Row: Julia Fredland, Huldah Lundberg, Minnie Sorgaard, Edwin M. Johnson, Annie Johnson. Middle Row: Eilene Fredland Bangen, Joyce Fredland Laiselle, Mavis Johnson Cameron, Esther Johnson Bohn. Front Row: Conley Fredland, Edna Sorgaard Holte.



Edwin Johnson daughters. Annie Johnson (nee Johnson), Minnie Sorgaard (nee Johnson), Julia Fredland (nee Johnson). Taken on Minnie's 70th birthday January 10, 1974.

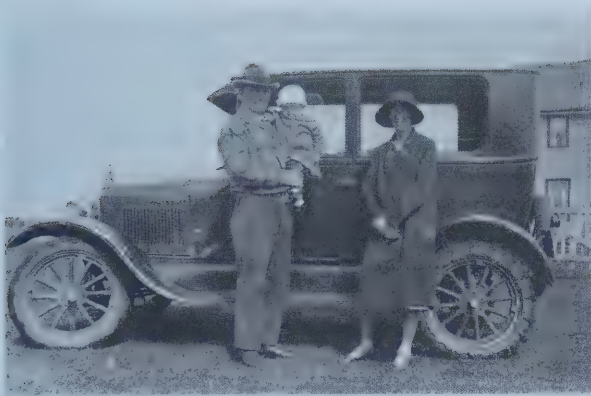
Julia married John Fredland and Minnie married Lars Sorgaard.

The Edwin and Trina Johnson descendants had a family reunion in July, 1989 at La Glace, Alberta. About seventy descendants were present.

Sorgaard, Minnie Johnson (by Laurel Erickson Lamarche)

Grandma Minnie was born on January 10, 1904 at Bardo, Alberta to Edwin and Trina (Boness) Johnson.

When Minnie's mother passed away in September of 1909, Minnie and her three younger sisters were placed in various foster homes. Minnie lived with several Bardo families. She spent the first three years with Simon and Mary Nordhus



Lars and Minnie Sorgaard, 1928. Son, Lavern. Note the tire chains. There was no gravel in those days.

and she attended Ingram School. Her next home was with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hagen and she then attended Anderson School. Grandma was finally reunited with her father and sisters in 1919 when she moved with them to the Grande Prairie area.

Minnie married their close neighbor, Lars Sorgaard, who was from Bardu, Norway. Lars and Minnie had four children.

Lavern (1927) lives with his wife, Irene, on the Lars Sorgaard homestead at La Glace.

Thelma (1930 – 1980) married Bjarne Erickson from Tofield (Bardo) Alberta. They had two children, Laurel and Randy. It is interesting to note that Bjarne owns the land which was once Thelma's great-great-grandfather's land.

Edna (1935) married Milo Holte (1931 – 1978) from Kingman, Alberta. They had two girls, Shelley and Lynn.

Chester (1939) lives on a farm near La Glace with his wife, Adrienne. They have two children, Edward and Trina.

Minnie passed away on March 28, 1991 after a brave fight with cancer. She is buried at Northfield Cemetery near La Glace. Minnie was noted for her warm hospitality and her quilting skills. Some of her beautiful quilts were even sent to Norway.

Johnson, Johan Arndt

Johan, the youngest son of Johannes and Anne, took a homestead (SW 1/4-28-49-18-W4) in 1901. He built a house and lived there awhile. He remained a bachelor. Johan loved to ride his bicycle and would go long distances on all kinds of roads.

Johan left the area and wandered around the country. He was killed by a train in California in 1909.

The Family of Joseph E. and Katie L. (Yoder) Kauffman

by Donald Kauffman

In March, 1912 Joseph E. and Katie Kauffman moved from Parnell, Iowa, and in April they purchased the east half of 7-50-18-4. With the help of some carpenters who came from Iowa to help the new settlers get settled, they proceeded to build a set of buildings one mile east and one and one-quarter miles north of Anderson School. The Joseph Kauffman family lived with Uncle Jake and Aunt Mary Schwartzendruber that first summer while their first house was being built. The Swartzendrubers had moved onto the adjoining quarter to the south the previous year. By the end of the summer of 1912, they moved into their new home. This first home was destined to become a granary after a larger, two-story white house became home to the Kauffman family and a landmark in the community. Those who visited the "ancestral home" back in Iowa remark about the similarity of the Iowa and Alberta houses. Those who grew up in the Alberta home remark about the wonderful family times that there were, and also about the cold winter days when a stiff southeast wind would catch in the outstretched wings of the building and blow through the upstairs walls as if there was nothing there. Everyone was glad when the wind swung back to the northwest.



Joseph E. Kauffman home, built in 1912.

Joseph E. (born 1872) was 40 years old when he left an established farming community in the hills of Iowa to start again in Alberta. His new farm was all raw land, no breaking, no fences, no well, no buildings, lots of work. Roads in the area were very undeveloped and tended to follow old game trails. He came with his wife Katie and four

children – Ralph, George, Mary and Loyal. Loyal, the youngest, was just 4 years old and spoke “Pennsylvania Dutch” as his first language. A fifth son, Joseph W., was born in Alberta in 1920. In 1968, after living for 56 years in Alberta, Joseph E. died. He was 96 years old. His wife Katie lived to be 90 years old. She died in 1973. Grandpa and Grandma Kauffman were married for 67 years. They lived a long, good life.



Joseph E. and Katie Kauffman. Back Row: Ralph, George, Mary, Loyal. Front Row: Joseph E., Joseph W., Katie.

The Kauffmans were part of a group of Amish-Mennonites (later Mennonites) who came from Iowa, Nebraska, and Illinois and settled generally east of the Bardo district. In those first years, immediate family, and the members of the Salem Mennonite church were the primary support group for the Kauffman family. Involvement in the church was both unofficial and official. In 1915 Joseph E. was ordained as a Deacon, a position he held until age caused him to “retire”. Katie was active in her church as president of the women’s sewing circle for several years.

Sunday dinners were an important part of the social life of the church community and Katie Kauffman was known for the meals she could prepare. Joseph W. Kauffman describes it this way:

“Then there were the Sunday noon meals. Used to do a lot of Sunday visiting in those days. Probably have four or five families at a time. Well, there sure was male dominance in those days. The men ate at the first sitting, women at the second, and children at the third. There usually was the main course, followed by the cake, fruit, and pie sequence. But people got the feeling that was too extravagant and the dessert got whittled down to one thing.”

The women always got to do the work on this “day of rest”. Grandpa would ask the blessing, “Our kind and loving Heavenly Father”, in a

slightly quavery voice, “Thank you for the spiritual food we received this morning . . . Now we pray thy blessing on this food, . . . Bless the heart and hands that prepared it . . .”. To at least one grandson, it now seems that his last bit was the only way the women got thanked for the effort expended to make the Sunday meals special.

After dinner the men would retire to the living room to discuss farming and test out ideas for next year’s plans, and the women did the dishes. The children would scatter: to the hayloft (Oh, that wonderful sweaty, dusty, scratchy feeling after an hour or so in the hayloft in your best playclothes); to explore in the old machine shed filled with old machine parts, worn harness bits and a wonderful old truck that didn’t run anymore; to play various wide-ranging games; or to hike to the back end of the farm. It was always fun to go to that spot on the creekbank where all the old cans and bottles were dumped and look for treasure. In later years, visitors to the Kauffman house, on a Sunday, were sometimes taken to see the old log building along the creek on the edge of the “south quarter”, (Pete Jevning’s barn maybe?), or to wander about the old coal mine down in the creek bottom near that old log barn, or to scout out the old cellars by the brush patch a quarter of a mile from the road and wonder who lived there once and dug the well that we were warned about so often. Even in the 1940’s there were signs that this area had a history.



Joseph Kauffman house, 1915. On horse – Loyal Kauffman, Mary (Kauffman) Brenneman, Velma (Yoder) Lehman. Velma is about two years of age.

The children of Joseph and Katie all attended school at Bardo, when not needed to help with the farm work. Mary says that the girls had fairly regular attendance at school but the boys were often needed to help with the farm work. When the work was done they would return to school and continue where they had left off. Most of the Kauffman children got somewhere near to the end of Grade Eight.

After leaving school, education consisted of full-time farm work. Eventually the children all left to establish their own homes.

Ralph and George never married. They farmed together at various locations in the area and finally sold their prize dairy herd and their farm near Grand Forks School (NE 12-49-19-4). Ralph moved to Los Angeles, California, where he worked for the Tom May Co., a department store. A few years later, George also tried living in Los Angeles, but did not like the smog so he moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he worked as a trailer park attendant until he retired. George died in 1973 of cancer. After retiring from his job at the store, Ralph moved to Phoenix. He is now 91 years old (November, 1991) and lives in a retirement home.

Mary married Daniel Brenneman. In 1943 they moved to Creston, Montana where Daniel was the pastor of Mountain View Mennonite Church until his death in 1975. Mary still lives in Kalispell. Mary's two sons and two daughters all live in Montana. As of November, 1991, Mary has 22 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Loyal, fourth child, (see that story)

Joseph W., youngest son, married Edith Stauffer, and set up farming five miles north of the "home place", two miles east of Tofield, on the south shore of Beaverhill Lake. Their son Douglas is now farming at that location, with help from his wife, Joy and their four children. Another son, Gaylord, lives in Edmonton with his wife, Helen, and their two sons. A daughter, Wynona, married Charles Hansen and they live with their family at Duchess, Alberta. Joseph W. and Edith now live in Tofield.

The Family of Loyal and Lily Kauffman **by Donald Kauffman**

Loyal married Lily Ellen Stalter on December 14, 1933. Lily was the daughter of Simon and Emma Stalter who lived in the Grand Forks district, east and north of Grand Forks School. For the first year of their marriage they lived with Loyal's folks. Then in the winter of 1934-35 they moved to the Aaron King home across the road

from the Salem church. In the spring of 1935 they moved to the farm owned by Ralph and George Kauffman, 1/4 mile south of Grand Forks school (NE 1/4-12-49-19-4). Finally in January, 1941, they moved back to the home place in the Bardo district (E 1/2-7050-18-4). Joseph E. and Katie moved across the road to a new house they had built on the half section of land (W -1/2-8-50-18-4) which they had purchased in 1922. Here Loyal farmed until he and Lily moved to their retirement home in Tofield in 1972. In October, 1975 the family was saddened by the death of their mother, Lily Kauffman.

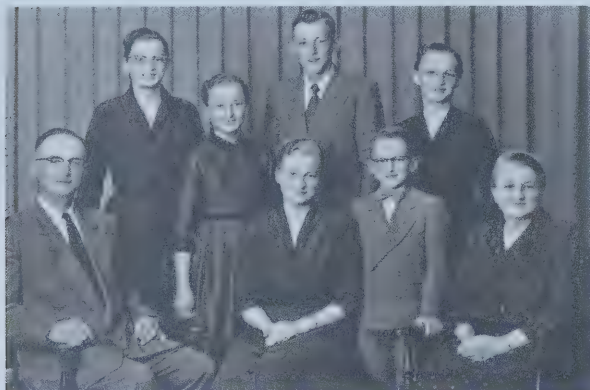
Loyal continued to farm from Tofield in partnership with son Joseph S. until 1977 when Joseph took over the family farm. This did not stop Loyal, who was out at the farm nearly every day helping out where he could. In his last years, Loyal enjoyed driving out to the farm to keep an eye on things and on his eightieth birthday, he was proud to announce that he had survived, and enjoyed 76 Alberta winters – a record, he said, that not many have equalled. Loyal died on May 15, 1990. He loved his family, his church, and the community he had helped to establish.

The Kauffman children all attended school in Bardo. The children walked the 2 1/4 miles to and from school until Betty was big enough to handle a horse. A buggy in the summer and a cutter in the winter, and faithful old Teddy, the horse, saw the children safely and usually uneventfully back and forth. One person remarks that they could always tell when the Kauffman buggy had gone past by the wheel tracks which wandered back and forth on the road. The trip would have been shorter if the driver had kept the horse travelling in a straight line! Occasionally Teddy would feel like running, usually after a cold winter day in the school barn, and then it was top speed with the cutter sliding around the corner and everything out of control. It's hard not to believe in guardian angels!



In front of "Old" Anderson School – "The Three Pigs".

School Christmas concerts (and sometimes Spring concerts) were a big, exciting event for the Kauffman children. The excitement would start to build near the end of November as the rehearsals got into high gear and finally it was the night. Plays! Remember the little boy in the wheelchair who kept adding a cup of water to the soup and a bit of salt, so that all the hungry folks who came along would have something to eat? Donald remembers, he was the lead in that one. Or drills! Marching in time to music in a very orderly way, with crepe-paper costumes. Wow! that was so pretty. Or rhythm bands with those funny little pill-box hats that never wanted to stay straight, or the choirs, and all this topped off by a visit from Santa who never failed to have a bag of candy for each of us. Thanks, teachers.



Loyal J. Kauffman family, 1952. Back Row: Inez, Grace, Donald, Betty. Front Row: Loyal, Ellen, Joseph, Lily.

Seven children were born to Loyal and Lily (six survived):

Betty Lou, (b.1935). See Betty and Merlin's story.

Ellen Joan, (b.1936) Ellen attended school at Bardo, finishing grade 10, then went to Tofield High School for 2 years. She went to Hesston College in Kansas for one year. When she came back to her "Bardo" home Ellen got a job in Tofield working for Everitt's Foodland. In 1957, she married Leo Lauber and they started farming on a farm one-and-a-half miles north of Dodds, where they still live. Leo and Ellen have four children. Darwin (married), lives near Camrose, Darlene (married) lives in Tucson, Arizona, Lonnie (married) lives at the farm south of Ryley, and Luella, lives in Edmonton. Leo and Ellen have six grandchildren.

Donald Dean, (b. 1938) Don also attended Bardo school, then on to Tofield to finish high school. A one-year teacher training course at the

University of Alberta and he was a teacher, teaching a grade six class in Tofield school. Five years later, and with a newly-acquired wife, Dolores Shackleton, they left the County of Beaver to teach for the Edmonton Public School Board. Dolores soon gave up school teaching and took on the role of mother. Don continues to teach for Edmonton Public, working on his thirty-fourth year in the teaching profession. Currently his favorite expression seems to be, "When I retire...". Don and Dolores have three children. Deborah (married) lives in Edmonton, Beth (married) lives in Edmonton, and is a teacher with EPSB, Carolyn (U of A student) lives at home.

Inez Mae, (b. 1940) Inez attended school at Bardo and then Tofield for grade 11. After leaving school, Inez worked for a few years at the Bank of Montreal in Tofield. Then she married Walter Lutz and became a farmer's wife, living southwest of Bruce, Alberta. Two children were born to this marriage: Dale (married) works as a Computer Software Engineer in Richmond, B.C.; and Joyce, a Registered Nurse, works in Port Charlotte, Florida. Inez's life ended very unexpectedly when an aneurysm caused her death on June 17, 1988 at age 48 years.

Grace Lavonne, (b. 1942) Grace also attended school at Bardo and Tofield. After high school, she took a Nursing Aide course and became a R.N.A. Then she met Ed Good, got married, lived in Carstairs, then Calgary, and finally settled down in Edmonton. Ed works in construction and manages his own drywall business, Blue Jay Drywall, Ltd. Grace has a job working as a salesperson at Sears. They have two children: Kenton (U of A student, third year) and Christopher (NAIT student).

Joseph Simon, (b. 1947) (See that story)

Kauffman, Joe and Elaine

by Joe Kauffman

Joe S. Kauffman attended Bardo School for Grades One to Six, and then transferred to Tofield School for Grades Seven through Eleven. Upon leaving school in 1964, he farmed with his father on the home place, continuing the current dairy operation known as Rosebud Stock Farm. A decision was also made at this time to construct a hog barn which accommodated 600 feeder hogs. In 1965, the dairy herd was sold, and in 1971 another barn was built, increasing the hog operation to 1,100. The farm became known as L and J Hog Farm. Both barns have been filled to capacity since that time.

Originally, much of the grain fed to the hogs had to be purchased from other farmers, but as time went on, Joe purchased enough land to produce it himself. Other cash crops include wheat, canola and field peas.

In 1968, the two-storey farmhouse was replaced by a more modern house, constructed just south of the original one. When Joe married Elaine Baergen, the daughter of Abe and Katie Baergen of Tofield, in July, 1972, they moved into this house, and his parents moved to Tofield. In 1977, Joe purchased the farm from his father and it became known as Jolane Farms Ltd. Even though Loyal did not live on the farm, he continued to help with the grain farming and was actively involved in harvesting for sixty-six consecutive years. Having started farming with horses and small equipment, he experienced and appreciated the progression to larger and more modern machinery. Joe appreciated the working relationship he had with his father, and reflects back on the time when as a four-year-old, he made the prediction that "someday Loyal would be his little boy and Joe would tell him what to do." In effect this is what happened when Loyal retired and Joe took over the farm. When Joe was a boy and Loyal was in charge, he would always do the first round in the field and then let Joe take over. Later, however, the roles were reversed and Loyal willingly let Joe service the equipment and get the job started.

Joe and Elaine have three children, all of



Front Row: Elaine and Joe Kauffman Back Row: Jonathan, Michael, Sherri-Lynn.

whom attend school in Tofield. Michael Glenn was born in 1975, Sherri-Lynn Rae in 1977, and Jonathan Jay (named after Loyal Jay) in 1980. Joe and Elaine and their children attend the Salem Mennonite Church.

In 1982, it was discovered that Michael had a rare condition resulting in an irregular and rapid heartbeat. For the next several years it was treated with various medications until in 1988, he became a candidate for open-heart surgery. The procedure, known as cryoablation and performed for the first time in Western Canada on August 17, 1988, enabled the doctors to completely cure Michael's chronic heart malfunction by freezing the abnormal cells in his heart which were causing the problem. It was not without complications, however. The first attempt was not successful, so on August 18th, he underwent surgery for a second time. Since that time, his heart rate has been regulated to a normal 60 to 80 beats per minute, and he no longer requires any medication. The family will always remember with appreciation the support of their church and community during this uncertain time.

King, Aaron and Elizabeth

(by Verda Burkholder and Harry Stauffer)

Aaron Alvin King was born April 23, 1863 in Michigan and his wife, Elizabeth (Lizzie Miller) King was born December 9, 1864, in Indiana. They were married on December 8, 1885.



Aaron and Lizzie King family, 1927. Standing: Joe B. King, Jake King, Nora (King) Stauffer, Christine (King) Bender. Sitting: Aaron and Lizzie King.

In August 1918, when Aaron and family left Garden City, Missouri, from a well established farm, to pioneer a new farm at Tofield, Alberta, they were 55 and 54 years old respectively. They were no longer looked upon as a young, adventurous couple, but were soon ready for retirement. Because of Lizzies' suffering from the extreme summer heat and son, Jake, having moved to Tofield a few months earlier, a family decision was made to make the move.

Aaron and Lizzie had experienced the loss of three young daughters, who succumbed to diphtheria within twelve days time. The eldest son survived, was married by 1918, and had moved to Illinois.

When they arrived with their daughters, Nora and Christine, their first need was a home. The Tom Rorem farm, NE-1-50-19-4, had been offered, but it involved too many acres. The NW-16-49-18-4 was offered for sale by Simon Haakstad and as it was across the road from the Mennonite church, they bought it.

Now they had a log barn and a log house to move into. There is an interesting story pertaining to the log house. The logs were cut north-west of Kingman and erected on the Martin Eide farm in 1904. The logs were numbered and dismantled. Then they were erected on the Haakstad place. Part of this house is still standing in 1992. The craftsmanship that went into hewing those large logs with a broad-axe, to perfection, and making them appear as plained logs is unbelievable. Close observance reveals faint axe marks. The barn had a different tale to tell. For a cow to enter was nearly impossible because of all the manure both inside and outside of the building. Aaron looked at the problem, saw lots of fertilizer for the fields, and by spring he had bought a new McCormick Deering manure spreader and put it to good use. Spreaders in those years were obtained at much less cost than today. That first summer Aaron figured that, at so much per load, it more than paid for the cost of the spreader.

That first summer saw the start of a planting of a grove of trees on the north side of the building site. A new barn and house were built by 1924.

There was quite a good-sized slough on the quarter, which failed to dry for making hay, so he decided to drain it. To achieve this meant ditching for a quarter of a mile. By making a few passes with the walking plough and proving that he had the best polished spade, he had a ditch up to 30 inches deep and 3 feet across, which gave the desired results – hay for his stock.

This place also boasted of an ice hole which thrilled the grandchildren. To help make home-made ice cream, even if it meant turning the freezer crank, was no chore when they thought of the delight to come.

Since Nora, Jake and Christine were past school age, the schools meant nothing to their parents. However, they took an interest in the achievements of their grandchildren.

Aaron King passed away November 4, 1935 and his wife, Elizabeth, died December 14, 1933.

King, Jake and Ida **(by Leonard King)**

Jake King was the man who picked up the milk from the farmers in the Bardo and Grand Forks area. It wasn't with a diesel truck with a shiny tank on the back, but just an ordinary two ton farm truck. The milk was picked up in eight gallon milk cans or five gallon cream cans. He didn't have pavement or gravel roads, but dust when the roads were dry and genuine mud when it rained. In the winter the horses were used after the roads drifted shut. An interesting memory may be that the cheques for one week ranged from two to six dollars. One farmer received nine dollars for his efforts. Quite often the cheques were endorsed and with a grocery list, were given to Jake, for him to purchase their groceries. He often brought change back. What has happened in the fifty years since then?

Jake King, with his wife, Ida (Stauffer), and



Jake and Ida King.

four children moved from a farm east of Grand Forks to the Haugseth farm two miles north of the Anderson School (Bardo) on March 28, 1938. This move turned out to be a pleasant experience for the family. In 1948 Jake moved to Woodburn, Oregon. He moved back to Tofield in the mid-sixties.

Jake came to the area in 1919 from Missouri. His wife, Ida, came with her parents in 1910 from Nebraska. They were married in 1921. They had four children.

Leonard married Florence Roth and is living in Sherwood Park. They have three girls. Twila married Larry Schlabach from Saskatchewan. They have two children and are living in Sherwood Park. Linda married Kent Stucky from Indiana. They are presently living in Goshen, Indiana and have two children. Joyce lives in Calgary.

Hilda married Lloyd Good from Acadia Valley and is living in Oyen, Alberta. They had four children. Marilyn married Doug Lehman from Ryley. They are living in Oyen with their daughter. Donald married Mindy Ball from Oyen. They are on the farm in Acadia Valley with their two children. Glen married Valerie Armitage from Edmonton, Alberta. They live in Acadia Valley and have two children. Dennis was on the farm but was involved in a fatal accident in 1981.

Morley moved to Oregon where he married Pearl Widmer. They are living in Woodburn and have two sons. Gerald married Cathi Rabi. They have two children. Rick married Virginia Davis. They have two children. Both sons live in Oregon close to Morley.

Lola married Robert Boyce from Colorado. Their home is in Fairbanks, Alaska. They have two children. Lisa married Phil Bishop. They have two children and are living in Idaho. Hans lives in Fairbanks.

Father (Jake) died in 1968 and Mother (Ida) died in 1987. Their final resting place is the Salem Mennonite Church Cemetery.

The activities of the families range from bus operator, business managers, doctor, electricians, engineer, farmers, lawyer, nurse, secretaries, sales persons, family counselling, store clerk, and teachers.

Thank you Bardo for all the happy memories.

Korobko, Peter and Hildagarde

Peter was born in Tofield, Alberta on March 4, 1926. He later moved to Lindbrook and Round Hill districts.

Hilda was born at Dinant, Alberta on February

19, 1931 and moved to the Avonroy district in 1935 (just east of Camrose).

Peter and Hilda were married in Grace Lutheran Church in Camrose on November 7, 1951. They moved to SE 1/4-14-50-19-W4 in the Bardo district in the spring of 1952.



Peter Korobko family. Peter, Lorraine (McNeely), Hilda, Elyshia, Dale McNeely, May, Jennifer. Insert: Don Korobko.

Peter and Hilda have two children – Lorraine, born on April 18, 1954 and Donald, born on September 21, 1955.

Lorraine married Dale McNeely and they live in Millwoods. Donald married May Dykeman and they also live on SE 1/4-14-50-19-W4. They have two children – Jennifer, born on July 19, 1980 and Elyshia, born on August 30, 1985.

Peter worked for Stelco in Camrose and the oil patch. In later years, Hilda started upholstery as a hobby. This turned into a full time job.

Peter and Hilda belonged to the Bardo Recreation Association and Beaverhill Light Horse Association. Their children belonged to the Tofield 4-H Beef Club, school band, Bardo Sunday School, soft ball and volleyball.

Lorraine is in the nursing profession and works for a chest specialist in Edmonton. Dale works for Barrel Cab. They are involved with slow pitch and darts.

Don works in Edmonton for Alberta Display, setting up shows, mainly at the Edmonton Convention Centre. May is a teacher aide at C.W. Sears School in Tofield. May, Jennifer and Elyshia are all very active in Guiding and in the Tofield United Church.

Krogan, Hans and Mabel

(information given by Mabel Krogen)

Hans Krogan was born in Salangenfjord Valley, Norway, on June 28, 1901. As a young man, he worked in a coal mine in Spitsbergen, Norway

and at 23 years of age he decided to move on. He arrived in Canada in 1924, going first to Saskatchewan and then to Alberta in 1926. Hans became a painter and interior decorator and worked for the Department of Transport – Federal Government for many years until he retired.

Mabel Rud was born in Ward County, DesLac, North Dakota on November 3, 1909. She moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Rud, to Canada in 1917. Mabel attended school in Cereal, in southern Alberta and also in Ryley. She worked as a waitress and also cooked and did house work. (They were called 'hired girls' in those days.)



Hans and Mabel Krogen and son, Daryl, 1967.

Hans and Mabel were married in October, 1929, and lived in various localities until they moved to Edmonton where they spent several years before Hans passed away in 1980. They had a family of five – four sons and one daughter.

Hans and Mabel lived in Bardo in the late thirties and early forties for a period of time. Their oldest son, Lester, attended both Ingram and Anderson Schools.

In 1969, Hans and Mabel had an enjoyable trip

to Norway where Hans renewed acquaintances and Mabel got to meet all his brothers and sisters as well as other family members. They also had a memorable trip to the United States together with Mabel's father and sister Agnes. Hans and Mabel celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1979, to which relatives from Norway were able to come. This made the occasion extra special.

Mabel was always active in the Church and community affairs. She lived in Edmonton until November 14, 1981 when she moved to the Heritage Manor in Camrose, Alberta.

The Krogen children are:

Lester (born 1930) married Kari Kozak from Kingman, Alberta. They have one son and one daughter – Craig and Denise. Lester and Kari have four grandchildren. Lester is retired and they live in Edmonton.

Mavis (born 1932) married Rudy Patrick. They made their home in Calgary, Alberta. Rudy passed away in 1983 from a sudden heart attack. They had one son and two daughters – Brian, Dianne and Colleen. There are three grandchildren.

Dennis (born 1937 – died 1993) married Beverly Rump. They live in Ottawa. Dennis and Beverly have two sons and one daughter – Kevin, Jeffrey and Debra.

Mervin (born 1941) married Diane Foshaug of Tofield. They have two sons, Christopher and Michael. They live in Edmonton.

Darryl (born 1949) married Lillian Teleski. They are living in Valley View. They have two daughters – Melissa and Hilary.

Arthur Lampitt – Helen Cookson Lampitt

Helen Cookson was born on November 16, 1916 at Tofield where she took all of her public schooling. She trained as a nurse at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta. She graduated in 1943. On October 23, 1943 she married Arthur Lampitt.

Arthur Lampitt was born on November 5, 1911 in Blackfoot, Alberta. He completed high school in Lloydminster, Alberta, went on to Normal School in Edmonton, and then returned to teach in his home area. A favorite pastime was playing baseball. He often pitched on the Lloydminster team that also included four of his brothers. One day at a tournament in Paradise Valley, he met Helen Cookson, and in 1943, after graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, he married her in her home town of Tofield.

Bentley was their home for the next few years where Art served as the District Agriculturist. Then they returned to Tofield where they farmed on the Cookson farm. Here their four daughters were born – Anne in 1944, Joan in 1947, Kathryn in 1949 and Patricia in 1951. In 1953 they moved to the Red Deer area where Art returned to teaching at Satinwood School and Helen was responsible for starting the community's first library and Glee Club. In 1958 they moved to Sherwood Park and Art taught in the Strathcona County School System where, at the time of his retirement in 1976, he was the Assistant Principal at Salisbury Composite High School. While in Sherwood Park, Helen worked as a school librarian, started a junior choir and led the senior choir for a number of years in the Sherwood Park United Church.

Art died at the age of 74 in November, 1985. Helen died at the age of 74 in November, 1990.

Anne is married to Peter Daoust, has five children and lives in Montreal, Quebec. Joan is married to Jack Clarke, has one child and lives in Lesotho, Africa. Kathy is married to Phil Dews, has two children and lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Pat is married to Ron Jones, has two children and lives in Fairview, Alberta.

John Campbell Lampitt

John Campbell Lampitt was born on November 24, 1914 at Blackfoot, Alberta. He took his elementary schooling at Thomasville School at Blackfoot with his ten brothers and sisters and graduated with matriculation from Lloydminster High School. Jack (John) and his five brothers formed a baseball team and played in many tournaments in places such as Lee Park, Marwayne, Paradise Valley, and Marshall, Saskatchewan. Between seeding, haying and threshing times, they went to all the Fairs and Tournaments in the area, and in later years, had many humorous stories to pass on to family and friends. Jack attended Normal School at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and taught at Corbett Creek and Blueridge. In 1939 he joined the Canadian Army as an artillery-surveyor. He was overseas for the next 4 ½ years.

While attending Khalki University in England he met Beryl Price, and they were later married on November 17, 1945 in Worcester, England. They returned to Canada in August, 1946 and started farming at Blackfoot.

During October 1946, Art (Jack's brother) and Helen Lampitt were farming the George Cookson



Jack and Beryl Lampitt family, 1957. Back: Derek, Janet, Beryl, Jack holding Audrey. Front: Joyce, David.

farm, 2½ miles east of Tofield. Art had an unfortunate accident while feeding pigs, so Jack and his family came to help. Jack and Art farmed together for the next five years, farming the land, raising turkeys, leghorn chickens and Aberdeen Angus cattle, and yet they still found time to play baseball. Many farm chores were done in record time so they could be on the Bardo ball field for a game. Art was a left-handed pitcher and Jack, the catcher. Jack was finally persuaded to return to teaching in 1950 at Ingram School. He was to have started on October 16th after the threshing was done, but contacted mumps from an epidemic around the district.

In 1951 Ingram School closed its doors, but the fond memories of Red Cross classes, spelling bees on the black board, heating lunches in a boiler on top of the stove at the back of the school, playing rugby in the snowbanks, getting ready for trackmeets, picnicing on the last day of school, and best of all, Christmas Concerts, will remain with us all our lives.

Jack continued his teaching career at Tofield School for the next twenty seven years. In 1964 he became Vice-Principal, a position he held until his retirement fourteen years later. He served on several community organizations, but he is best remembered for his participation in the Community League, the United Church, Secretary-Treasurer for the Powerline Baseline League, and Councillor for the town of Tofield.

Jack taught in the County of Beaver for twenty

seven years. His accomplishments and invested interests were:

- receiving his B.Ed. in 1970.
- directing a school hockey team at the rink to make Tofield proud.
- supervising with his wife at school dances
- teaching Grade nine students to aim for the top (seven Governor-General Awards)
- supervising Junior – Senior High curlers at the Curling Rink.
- teaching the Grade twelves the fundamentals of the Grand March.
- teaching Math, Science, Health and other subjects in Junior High classes.
- convincing students in the Vice-Principal's Office that the only acceptable path was that of the straight and narrow, but listening to their problems and assisting when possible.

Jack retired in 1978 due to Beryl's failing health. He then spent his retirement years enjoying his grandchildren, farming with his son-in-law, fishing with his granddaughter, taking holidays to England and Europe, becoming an avid Oilers fan and attending many games of hockey, football, and of course, baseball. His first love, baseball, which started as a teenager, and carried through Normal School and Bardo days, and extended to attending Lacombe Ball Tournaments with friends, stayed with him all his life.

Jack passed away on February 11, 1987, leaving us with a lifetime of wonderful memories. His wife, Beryl, now lives in Beaumont. They had two sons, Derek and David, and three daughters, Janet, Joyce, and Audrey. They had seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Anton Larson

(by Bjarne Erickson)

Anton Larson (born July 7, 1888) arrived from Mesnali, Norway on December 23, 1907. He came to Wetaskiwin, Alberta with Peder Lee, a neighbour from Norway. Anton then came to the Bardo area and farmed the W 1/2-13-50-19-4.

Anton, along with Peder Lee, returned to Norway on May 24, 1947 to visit relatives. Before leaving on his trip though, Anton had left the farm in the care of Olaf and Bjarne Erickson. Anton had seeded the crop in the spring and the boys, ages 16 and 15, were to harvest the crop for him as he would not be returning until late that fall. As fate would dictate though, Anton did not return at all. Both he and, ironically, his former neighbour, Peder Lee, died while they were back in their homeland, Peder on April 5, 1948 and

Anton on October 28, 1947. They are both buried at the cemetery at Mesnali, Norway.

Following his death, the farm was taken care of by the Mikal Erickson family for the Larson family in Norway. Bjarne Erickson purchased the Anton Larson farm in 1964 and is still farming it today.

Erma (Stutzman) Lauber

I was born in December, 1907 at Milford, Nebraska, the eldest child of Milo and Barbara Stutzman. We moved to Alberta in 1911. I started school at the Amisk Creek School. In 1914, we moved onto the Jake Schwartzenruber farm which was just across the road from the Yoder farm where Walter Riediger now lives. I attended the Anderson (Bardo) School and Miss Clara Hills was my teacher. I walked to school with the Kauffman children. We went through the field straight west of our buildings and got on the road just north of the school. My first Christmas at this school, Grand Forks School and Anderson School had their Christmas program together. Miss Loolah Hills was the teacher at Grand Forks. We lived in Bardo only two years, then moved to our home near Kingman. I lived there until I married



Harold and Erma Lauber.

Elmer Bender. We had one daughter – Donna. A few years later Elmer passed away and I went to live with my parents again. In 1940, I married Harold Lauber and we had a set of twins – Dale and Gail.

We are now retired in Tofield and have been spending our winters in Phoenix, Arizona.

The George Lawson Family

(by Evelyn Stauffer)

George Lawson was born July 4, 1862 at Oneida, Haldimons County, Ontario. In 1865 he moved with his parents to Hazelton Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, U.S.A. He was united in marriage to Miss Elva Burpee on November 1, 1893. Elva was born in 1871, on June 12. In July, 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson moved with their family to Tofield, Alberta.

The first winter they lived in the C.N.R. row housing in Tofield, across from the present Seniors' Lodge, until spring when Mr. Lawson rented a tent from Mr. Hopgood, and along with one of his own, erected them on his purchased land N 1/2 11-50-19-W4.

He had sold his land in Michigan for one hundred dollars an acre and purchased raw land here for a quarter of the price per acre. In the spring and summer of 1915 he built a large lovely home and out buildings on his property.

Mr. Lawson believed in mixed farming and was experienced in cattle and hog raising. He said the prices netted for stock and hogs may not be as high



George W. and Elva Irene (Burpee) Lawson – November 1, 1893.



Steen threshing outfit at George Lawson farm, 1920. Herman Lawson with rack and team, Peter Lee, Martin Lawson, Billy Lee, Howard Lee, George and Wes Lawson Sr.

as those he got in Michigan, but the fact that the vegetation was so profuse, grain was produced so much cheaper, and the stock and hogs prepared for market at a much less expense, meant the advantage was all on the side of the mixed farmer of Alberta.



George Lawson family. Back Row: Milford, Herman, Martin, Edna (Lawson) Johnson, Mabel. Front Row: Mildred (Lawson) Lee, George and Elva Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson had six children – Herman, Milford, Martin, Mabel, Mildred and Edna. Mr. Lawson passed away February 1, 1940 at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Lawson passed away June 11, 1944 at the age of 73 years. Herman passed away May 25, 1982, age 87 years; Milford died in 1946 at 51 years of age; Martin died March 12, 1968, age 67; Mabel passed away November 26, 1980, age 76 and Mildred passed away January 19, 1992, age 84. Edna is still living in Edmonton.

Herman – see Herman Lawson history. Milford did not marry. He resided in Michigan, U.S.A. and worked in an orchard there.



Milford Lawson.

Mabel Lawson was born in Michigan on March 11, 1904. She attended the Anderson School (Bardo) and went on to Normal School in Camrose to receive her Teacher's Certificate. She taught at Ketchamoot, Camrose, Holden and Edmonton. Mabel was a dedicated and well thought of teacher. She passed away November 26, 1980.

The Herman Lawson Family (by Evelyne Stauffer)

The eldest son of George and Elva Lawson, Herman, was born on May 7, 1895 in Michigan, U.S.A. On December 4, 1918, he married Grace Campbell, born April 13, 1899. To this union six children were born – Marie (Russel Olson, who died February 11, 1992), Evelyne (Leonard Stauffer, who died February 18, 1993), Nina (Marvin Moen, who passed away December 15, 1977) died August 2, 1987, Vivian (Elmer Goegelein Jr.), Leonard (Wendy Brooks) and Wayne (Janice Tayler). Herman and Grace have fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.



The Herman Lawson family. Vivian (Goegelein), Evelyne (Stauffer), Marie (Olson), Nina (Moen), Grace and Herman, Wayne and Leonard.

Herman and Grace's first home was on the William Ingram farm now owned by Peter Korobko (1992). One of their moves was to the Lewis farm in Bardo, now owned by their grandson, Kenneth Stauffer. They lived there for two or three years then rented the Rickner farm in the Ketchamoot district for several years. In 1940 they moved to Angus Campbell's homestead in the Woodlawn district and lived there for about thirty years before they sold their land and bought a house in Tofield, where they enjoyed running water and constant heat. In 1977 they took up residence in the new Seniors' Lodge but kept their home.

They enjoyed the independence of having their own home for entertaining family and friends. After Herman's death, Grace sold the family home and lived in the Seniors' Lodge until February 1991 when her health required medical care. She became a resident in the Long Term Care in the Tofield Health Centre where she still resides.



Herman and Grace (Campbell) Lawson, about 1981.

The Lawsons enjoyed music and have spent many hours with Herman on the violin, and with piano and guitar as accompaniment. They have passed on to their family the art of enjoying music.

Herman passed away May 25, 1982 at the age of 87 years. Grace was 95 in April of 1992.

The Martin Lawson Family

(by Evelyne Stauffer)

Martin was born August 4, 1901 in Michigan, U.S.A. On March 4, 1938 he married Janet Brown, born January 13, 1912. Four children were born to this union – Wesley, Dennis, Irene and Verna. They resided on the N 1/2 11-50-19-W4, the original George Lawson farm. They farmed there



Martin and Janet Lawson family. Verna, Dennis, Wesley, Janet, Martin and Irene.

until Martin's health failed and his sons took over the farming. They grain farm but their main occupation is cattle and hay making. They have had some exotic animals and birds on their farm such as buffalo, donkeys, longhorn cattle, peacocks, brahma bulls, horses, llamas and guinea hens.

Martin passed away on March 12, 1968 at age 67. Janet still lives in the original Lawson home and alternates her time visiting between her daughters in Edmonton. Wesley is living on the farm with his wife Cheryl and family in their own home. Dennis has his own property a few miles away in the Ketchamoot district. Irene and Verna live in Edmonton. There are five grandchildren.

Martin enjoyed baseball and his nickname was "Spike" when he played ball. In later years he enjoyed curling.

Edna (Lawson) (Smith) Johnston

(by Evelyne Stauffer)

Edna was the the youngest daughter of George and Elva Lawson and was born February 16, 1910 in Michigan, U.S.A. She attended school in Bardo at the Anderson School. Edna married Harold Smith and to this union five children were born – Maxine, Delmer, Kietha, George and Elva May. They are married and live in various localities in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Edna has twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Edna's second husband Ollie Johnston, passed away in March, 1964. She lives in Edmonton and enjoys good health, except her eyesight is failing.



Mildred, Mabel, Edna and Herman Lawson.

Mildred (Lawson) Lee

(by Evelyne Stauffer)

Mildred was the fifth child born to George and Elva Lawson. Her birthdate was July 31, 1907. In 1929 she married Roy Lee of the Ketchamoot

district where they resided and farmed for 36 years before moving to Edmonton. Roy passed away three years later. Mildred and her sister, Mabel owned a house and shared the responsibilities for several years until Mabel's death. Mildred worked as a house mother at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for seven years. After retirement, with failing health, Mildred sold her house in 1987. Just prior to selling her home she lived with her daughter, Shirley, until she moved to the Good-Samaritan Care Centre at Stony Plain, Alberta.

Roy and Mildred had two daughters, Doreen (Walter) Webber of Calgary, and Shirley (David) Nichols of Stony Plain, and one son, Delbert (Angie) Lee of Chatsworth, Ontario.



Doreen, Roy, Mildred, Shirley and Delbert Lee.

There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Roy passed away in 1969 at the age of 68 years, and Mildred on January 19, 1992 at the age of 84. An infant daughter, Patricia Ann, passed away in 1941.

Joe Lehman Family

(by Harley Lehman)

In the spring of 1938 the Joe Lehman family, consisting of Joe and Pearl, and children, Hilda, Earl, Harley and Marvin, moved onto the David Stutzman farm, presently occupied by the Roger Stutzman family. My brother Earl and I attended the old Grand Forks school which was situated on the land presently owned by David Francis (1992). Later, the new school was built on the site now known as the Grand Forks Community Centre.

There was no easy way of doing things in those days. I recall my father getting up early in the



Joe Lehman family. Back Row: Larry, Marvin, Earl, Harley. Front Row: Hilda, Joe, Pearl.

morning, harnessing eight horses to pull a three-bottom plow. It took a long time to plow 100 acres. I sometimes would follow the plow. The newly turned furrow was nice and cool on the bare feet.

My father purchased a 28 run drill which he pulled with six horses. Sowing 14 feet at a time was the envy of the neighbors in those days. He also purchased a John Deere tractor during this time, which he used until the crankshaft broke. There was no money for repairs, so back to the horses.

Cows were milked by hand, with the milk going to the Round Hill Cheese factory. Hay was cut with a five foot mower, and thrown on a rack with a pitch fork.

Fences were made by digging holes by hand, or punching holes with a heavy crow bar, then driving the posts into the ground with a maul.

Harvesting was also hard work. I still recall the helpless and hopeless feeling I had, when seeing all the bundles lying in a freshly cut field, waiting for someone to set them up before the threshing crew came

My mother, like other women of her time, worked extremely hard too. Besides the housework, raising a family, and helping in the daily chores, she would often times be out in the fields helping wherever she could.

In August, 1940, Larry was born, bringing our family number to seven. Later that fall our family moved to the Bruce farm southeast of Round Hill.

The years have brought many changes. We have faster and easier ways of doing things, but it has come at a price. The closeness of friends and neighbors, that comes by relying heavily on one another for survival, has been lost.

Alvin and Goldie (Soma) Lehman

Alvin W. Lehman was born September 25, 1904 at Mayton, Alberta. He was the second son of John K. and Susanna (Wideman) Lehman. John K. and his family came from May City, Iowa. In 1918 Alvin moved with his family to the "Fisher Place", 1-1/2 miles north of Dodds. As a young man Alvin played baseball with Dodds and after he was married he played with Bardo for a while.

Goldie A. Soma was born April 22, 1916 in Fairmount, Minnesota. She was the third daughter of Arne and Gunda (Skrove) Soma. In February of 1927 Goldie came with her father to Canada. Arne had purchased a farm 5 miles north of the Kingman Cemetery. The end of May he went back to Fairmount for Gunda and the other three girls. This was Arne and Gunda's home as long as they were able to care for themselves.

Alvin and Goldie were married April 22, 1934. They settled on the Halvor Haugen Place which was north and west of the Anderson (Bardo) School. Here, Dad (Alvin) and Mom (Goldie) farmed the land and milked cows. Arlene, (Mrs. Wilbur Stauffer) was born June 14, 1935. They lived here a couple of years, then moved to the Roy Zook farm, north and west of Dodds.

After two more years they moved to the Blackburn place about two miles south of the Shonts Campsite. Gladys (Mrs. Lars Rude) was born in this house on July 10, 1939. Carol (Mrs Raymond Zook) was born on December 8, 1940.

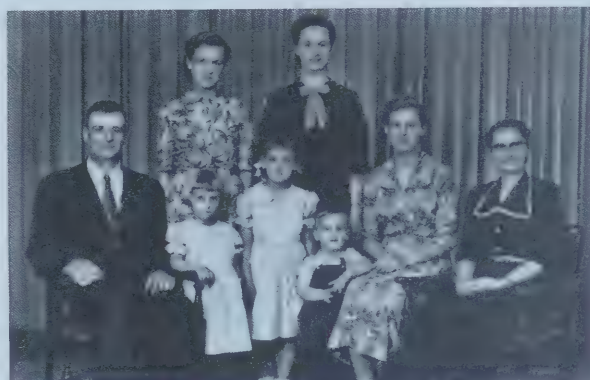
In March 1944, Dad purchased the Herb Marriage farm 6-1/2 miles south-east of Ryley. We lived there for 6 years. Dad cleared a lot of land on this farm and Mom cooked a lot of meals for hired men. We had some excellent crops off this land. I remember these as good, happy years for our family. Judy (Mrs. Rennie Jensen) was born May 17, 1947 and Linda (Mrs. Ernie Wilks) was born October 16, 1949.

In March 1950, Dad purchased the Eggen place for \$8,000. We were just a 1/2 mile north of the Salem Mennonite Church. Dad's biggest reason for moving his family was to be closer to the church. This was a real blessing for all of us.

Moving day was a real challenge. There had been a blizzard the day before and since we didn't have a phone, we didn't know if our movers, Dad's

brothers, could get there or not. But at 9 A.M. they were there. Gladys, who was 10 years old, and a neighbor boy, rode horse back and chased the cattle to our new home. When they got as far as Sanford Martin's place, where Don and Gwen Zook now live, the snowplow had come that far from the west and left a mountain of snow across the road. But the cattle and horses climbed over it without too much difficulty and reached their destination by mid-afternoon. Next, Dad and two of his brothers left with a rack load of all our possessions. Mom sat upstairs on the floor shedding a few tears as she fed Linda. Then Uncle Oliver drove the team and sleigh with Mom and us four girls, and we were on our way too. We stopped for coffee at Sanford Martin's, then went across the field to Nora Stauffer's. She had supper ready and insisted we stay with her for the night. Gladys stayed at Elmer Burkholder's and the men had to find and put together beds before they could sleep.

On August 4, 1951 John Keith was born. (He married Linda Card.)



Alvin Lehman family. Back Row: Carol, Arlene. Front Row: Alvin, Linda, Judy, John, Gladys, Goldie.

Dad had been working on a Swedish Masseurs Course by correspondence over the years and now was finding himself so busy giving treatments he decided to quit farming. Many evenings he'd come in from the field to find the living room full of people waiting for treatments. Mom baked many cakes and brewed many pots of coffee to serve everyone.

Dad finished the course he'd been working on and received a diploma from The College of Swedish Massage from Chicago on January 29, 1954. On October 9, 1957 he received a certificate from Physiotherapists and Masseurs Association in Edmonton, and another one on November 19,

1966 which reads, "Certified Member with the Physiotherapist and Masseurs Association of Alberta, incorporated Edmonton, Alberta February 5, 1953. This is to Certify that Alvin Lehman having complied with all the requirements of membership and having been approved by the Executive Council, is hereby granted this Certificate of Registration with the Association as a Licensed Physiotherapist with all the obligations, rights, privileges and honours thereto appertaining". At this time Dad was offered a job at the University Hospital as a Physiotherapist but most of you who knew our Dad, know he was not a city or a big institution person. He was a person who loved people and gave of himself in many ways to meet the needs of those around him. He travelled many miles doing veterinary work and spent many hours drinking coffee and visiting people. Dad also drove a school bus for 16 years after they moved to Ryley in 1956.

In 1959, Dad and Mom bought a home at the north end of main street for \$4,800. Here Dad had a little two room house in the back yard where he gave treatments. Many people still came into the main house for Mom's coffee and cake while they waited their turn, or after their treatment, just for some good fellowship. Dad taught Sunday School in his later years. On July 25, 1980 Dad passed away at home. We thank God for our father, for his love for family, and many others as well.

Our most special memory of Mom in our growing up years was her love for singing. She sang much of the day as she did her work, to her babies, and to us, when we were sick. She even took a song book to bed and sang. Whenever anyone of us had a birthday, and always at Easter and Christmas, we got new clothes. Many times she sat sewing late into the night to get everything made.

Mom was a telephone operator for eight years in Ryley. In the early years of her marriage she boarded a number of school teachers.

Mom lives in the Senior Citizens' Apartments in Tofield. It's still a good place to go for coffee and cake! The family has grown over the years to include 24 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

We as a family are thankful for Mom's faith and her ability to always see the bright side of life.

Wilbur and Arlene (Lehman) Stauffer

Wilbur was born July 18, 1929 to Howard and Stella (Brubaker) Stauffer. Wilbur grew up in the Duchess and High River areas.

Arlene was born June 14, 1935 to Alvin and

Goldie (Soma) Lehman. She was born in the Haugen house which was west and north of the Anderson (Bardo) School. When she was one year old, she moved with her parents out of the Bardo area, and when she was fourteen years old, her father bought the Eggen place NW 20-49-18-4, ½ mile north of the Salem Mennonite Church. She finished grade 10 at Bardo, which meant riding horseback 4½ miles to school, except for the winter months, when she stayed at Joe and Petra Stauffer's place.

July 2, 1953 Wilbur and Arlene were married. In August they moved to Ontario for 8 months. It cost them \$25.00 for car gas to drive out there. They worked on a fruit farm 20 miles from Niagara Falls, until the fruit was picked, and then on a dairy farm, which was several miles south of there.

In March 1954 they returned to the area and rented Alvin's farm for one year. Then they moved to the little house across the road from Boyd Stauffer's and Wilbur worked for Boyd for five years. Here their three oldest daughters were born -Sherry on October 2, 1955, Coleen on October 17, 1956, and Gwen on December 18, 1958.

In the spring of 1960 they moved to Acadia Valley where Wilbur worked for Jake Fry who was a grain farmer. He also had lots of range cattle. That farm was sold in March, 1961.

Alvin David was born February 14, 1961.

Wilbur and Arlene returned to Ryley in April, 1961. Wilbur started working for Verner's Bakery. He delivered bread, etc. to the Camrose, Killam, Vegreville areas as well as throughout this part of the country. He did this for 14 years and then worked in the bakery helping with the baking for another 2 years.

Deanna was born September 12, 1963.



Wilbur and Arlene Stauffer family. Wilbur, Alvin, Gwen, Coleen, Sherry, Deanna, Arlene.

In 1977 Wilbur and Arlene bought a house in Tofield where they presently live. For the past 17 years Wilbur has worked at McGavins Bakery in Edmonton as a baker. Arlene worked at the Tofield Hospital and then Tofield Health Centre for 18 years. She is now retired.

Sherry is married to Paul Yoder. Paul is the son of Leslie and Naomi Yoder. They have two daughters – Roxanne, born March 21, 1977 and April, born April 5, 1979. They have a dairy farm and Sherry works at the Ryley Treasury Branch.

Coleen married Del Martin, the son of Sanford and Hazel Martin. They live in Edmonton. Del is working with a construction company, and Coleen is working at Treasury Branch's Head Office. They have two children – Jennifer, born May 22, 1978 and Benjamin, born December 22, 1980.

Gwen is married to Don Zook, the son of Kenneth and Elsie Zook. They live on an acreage 3 miles east of Grand Forks. Gwen drives their school bus to Camrose where their boys attend the Cornerstone Christian Academy. Don has worked at the Cement Plant in Tofield for a number of years. They have four sons – Christopher, born May 2, 1979, Jamie born January 14, 1981, Kim born January 5, 1983 and Jeremy born March 23, 1984.

Alvin married Kathy Weiss, daughter of Arnold Hewitt and Lillian White. Alvin works for Lehman Industries at Westlock. Kathy is a hairdresser. They have three children – Ryan Weiss, born February 1, 1981, Daniel Weiss born April 26, 1983 and Brandi, born July 26, 1989.

Deanna married Kevin Frillman, son of June Frillman. Kevin works at Nicholson Chev. Olds in Edmonton. Deanna worked at Treasury Branch's Head Office for 9 years. They have two daughters – Breanna, born December 12, 1987 and Caitlyn, born October 24, 1989.

Sherry, Coleen, Alvin and Deanna all graduated from Western Mennonite School at Salem, Oregon.

Sherry, Coleen, Gwen and Deanna all worked for Treasury Branch's Head Office except Gwen who worked at the main branch.

Wilbur and Arlene had eight foster children in their care for a span of ten years. The one that stayed the shortest time was 3 months, the longest was 6 years.

Wilbur, Arlene and family attended Salem Mennonite Church. Since 1985 Wilbur and Arlene have been attending Total Life Christian Centre in Ryley.

Paul and Sherry (Stauffer) Yoder

by Sherry Yoder

Paul Leslie Yoder, son of Leslie and Naomi Yoder, married Sherry Lynn Stauffer, daughter of Wilbur and Arlene Stauffer, on July 19, 1975. They've made their home on Leslie Yoder's home place, just two miles east of Anderson (Bardo) School. They have a dairy farm with Paul's younger brother, Ervin, and Sherry is employed at the Treasury Branch in Ryley.

Roxanne Lynn, born March 21, 1977, and April Dawn, born April 5, 1979, are their daughters. They attend Cornerstone Christian School in Camrose, where they enjoy playing volleyball and basketball.

The family enjoys downhill skiing in the mountains, and snowmobiling around home, when there's enough snow to do so. They attend Salem Mennonite Church, just three miles south of their home.

John Peder Lerbekmo Family

(by Leonard Stauffer)

John Peder Lerbekmo was born in Norway on March 31, 1856. In 1884 he married Dorothea Haugen who was born May 2, 1867.

In 1894, John decided to immigrate to



John and Dorothea Lerbekmo.

Minnesota, U.S.A. Upon arriving there, he found land was quite costly and scarce. There was a party ready to go to Canada to seek land, so he joined them.

John took a homestead by the Amisk Creek where he built a log house. This land was the SE 1/4-30-49-18-W4. His wife joined him in 1895 with their three children who had been born in Norway.



Lerbekmo family – July 13, 1975. Bob Berrecloth, Pete Lerbekmo, Julius Lerbekmo, Jenny Haakstad, Gertie Yoder, Petra Stauffer.

Mary Constance (born July 13, 1886) married Jacob Theodore Boness on October 14, 1902.

Peter Olai (born November 26, 1888) married Loolah Myrtle Hills (born September 1889) on November 14, 1917.

Jenny Boletta (born September 9, 1890) married Hans Haakstad in August 1914.

After arriving in Canada, five more children were born to John and Dorthea.

Petra Signora was born August 23, 1896. She married Joseph Ethan Stauffer who was born December 3, 1895. Petra and Joseph were married on December 27, 1917.

Gertrude Mathilda was born May 18, 1899. She married John Levi Yoder (born January 1, 1892) on December 3, 1920.

Carl Magner was born December 1, 1901 and died March 4 1910.

Robert Percy Berrecloth, born March 25, 1903 in England was taken in by the family. He was married to Lillian Carlisle (born August 29, 1912) on April 22, 1931.

Julius Dreier (born March 1, 1906) married Selma Nomeland (born March 1, 1909) on December 18, 1937.

Ingrid Helena, born November 18, 1908 died February 24 1909.

John Lerbekmo was a man of many talents. He was a blacksmith, carpenter, shoemaker,

fisherman, and a farmer. He helped his neighbors with these skills. He loved to hunt and was a superb rifleman. He died August 7, 1922. Dorthea moved to Bellingham, Washington in 1923. She was remarried to Oliver Fosmo. Dorthea died August 10, 1943.

Peter Olai Lerbekmo

(by Jack Lerbekmo)

Peter (Pete) was born November 26, 1888 to Dorothea and John P. Lerbekmo in Bardu, Norway. Although raised on a farm, Pete's main loves were guns (and hunting), fishing, steam engines, cars and aeroplanes. At a relatively early age he obtained a steam engineer's license, and ran Arnold Steen's steam engine for threshing. As well, he ran a steam engine at the Ponoka gravel pit when they were first gravelling the Edmonton-Calgary highway. He was trapping with the Monkman in northwest Alberta when the Monkman pass was discovered.



Pete and Loolah Lerbekmo, 1974.

In 1917, Pete married Loolah Myrtle Hills, daughter of Franklin and Alvira (nee Gates) Hills, a neighbor. Loolah, born September 7, 1889 in Iowa, had come with her sister Clare from Iowa to the Bardo, Alberta area to teach school. On October 15, 1918 Loolah and Pete had a daughter, Norma Clare (deceased June 2, 1926).

In 1920, Pete and his cousin Pete Haugen built the first garage in Tofield. Loolah and Pete had a son, John Franklin (Jack) in December of 1924. Pete gave up his interest in the garage, and went down to Chicago to learn to fly. When he returned,



Mrs. Hills, Norma and Loolah Lerbekmo, Mr. Hills.

he decided to build his own aeroplane. The plane was completed in 1926 and certified for flying by a Federal inspector. However, engine failure caused a forced landing which ended the short life of the plane, but caused only minor damage to Pete.

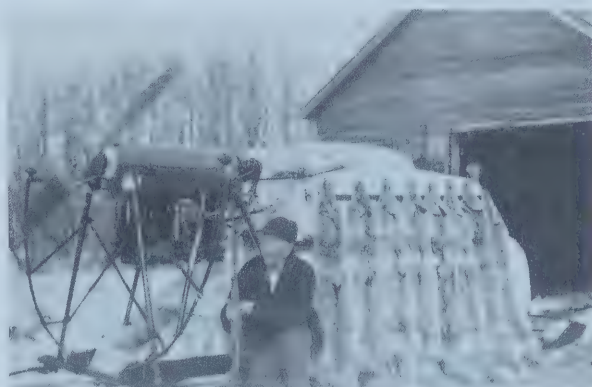
Still interested in planes, Pete heard that a Curtis JN-4 (Jenny) biplane called the "City of Edmonton" was damaged and for sale by the City. He haggled a buying price of \$62.50, and towed the plane on a makeshift trailer to Tofield for rebuilding. By 1927, the "Jenny" was ready to fly again and for sale (Loolah said "No more flying for Pete."). Ed Reynolds, who owned a car agency in Wetaskiwin and had been a World War I Air Force Lieutenant, heard the plane was for sale and had Wop May test fly it to Edmonton. Pete traded the plane to Reynolds for a new 1927 Star car. (This plane again ended up in disrepair at the Edmonton Municipal airport, and was brought by Ed Reynold's son Stan to his museum in



Peter Lerbekmo and Jack in aviation helmets.

Wetaskiwin, where he had it restored. It now (1992) hangs in the Edmonton Convention Centre, and is destined for the air museum).

During the early thirties depression years, Pete worked in Tofield as a tractor and auto mechanic, and for a while made a living placer mining (sluicing) gold on the McLeod River with Botolf Bjornson and Joe Eide. In the meantime, Loolah went back to teaching school at Bardo. In the mid-thirties, Pete obtained a job with the Alberta Wheat Pool buying grain, and eventually got the Bardo location. The family then moved onto the Hills place and Loolah again retired. Pete, having trouble getting to work when the roads drifted in, remedied the situation by building a propeller-driven snowmobile, the first in the area, in 1936. Later the family moved to the residence at the elevator, where Pete put in his spare time making violins.



Peter Lerbekmo, snowplane, coyotes.

In 1947, Pete and Loolah retired to a farm at Brisco (near Radium), British Columbia, where Pete pursued three of his original loves – hunting, fishing and prospecting. He also built the community church, and installed the bell from the old Grand Forks School, south of Bardo. Pete and Loolah returned to Alberta in 1963, and built a house at South Cooking Lake, next to son Jack's summer cottage. Pete took up restoring Model T Fords as a hobby, restoring three by the time he was 85.

At the age of 88, Pete suffered a stroke while hunting ducks on the "Big Slough" at Bardo where he had shot his first duck at the age of 12. He passed away on September 14, 1977. Loolah is living in an extended care facility in Edmonton at the age of 102 at the time of this writing.

Loolah passed away in Edmonton, Alberta on November 25, 1992 at the age of 103 years.

John Franklin Lerbekmo

(by Jack Lerbekmo)

John (Jack) was born to Loolah and Peter Lerbekmo on December 8, 1924 in Tofield. After completing Grade 1 there, he moved with his parents to Bardo where his mother taught High School. For the first four years they lived in a house on the Joseph Stauffer farm. When Jack reached Grade 7 (the High School room) at Anderson School at Bardo, his mother retired, and they moved to the Hills farm. When Jack's dad became the grain buyer at the Bardo Pool elevator, the family moved to the residence there for a couple of years before moving back into their house in Tofield so that Jack could finish his Grade 12 there. During his school years, Jack played a lot of hockey, baseball and softball (fastball), and enjoyed School Division track meets. He also learned to play the steel guitar and, like his dad, loved to shoot.



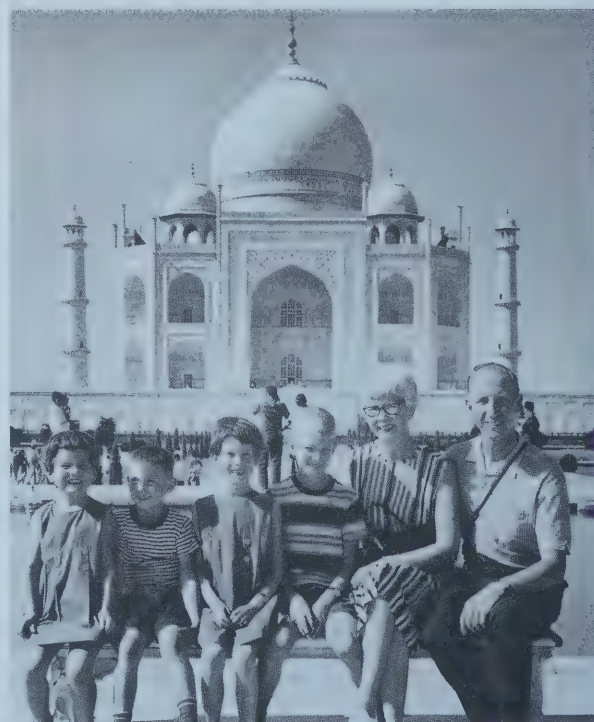
Pete, Loolah and Jack Lerbekmo.

In 1943, Jack applied for and was accepted into the second Canadian Army University Course, to receive first year Engineering at the University of Alberta while undergoing army training. In 1945 he went overseas and spent one year with the Occupation Forces in Germany. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to the University of Alberta to continue studies in Mining Engineering. After one year, he transferred to the University of British

Columbia to pursue a degree in Geological Engineering. He also played hockey for the University of British Columbia (UBC) Thunderbirds. Jack graduated in 1949 with a B.A.Sc. in Geological Engineering. In the fall, he went down to the University of California at Berkeley to take up studies toward a post-graduate degree in Geology. Jack came back to Vancouver in December to marry Shirley Irene Berglund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Berglund of Struan, Saskatchewan.

The entrance medical at the University of California had diagnosed that Jack had contracted tuberculosis, so he returned to Canada to undergo treatment at the Saskatoon Sanatorium. After a year, he and Shirley returned to California, and he resumed his studies. After another stint of a year in a sanatorium at Vallejo, California, Jack finished his studies and received the degree of Ph.D. in Geology in 1956. In the fall of the same year, Jack joined the Department of Geology of the University of Alberta as an Assistant Professor, and advanced to Full Professor in 1968.

Shirley and Jack adopted four children: Craig Peter, born May 24, 1958; Janice Irene, born January 14, 1960; Todd Owen, born July 12, 1961; and Mona Maryclare, born June 3, 1963. They also raised a foster boy, David Bird, who came to them



Jack and Shirley Lerbekmo. Mona, Todd, Janice, Craig.

in 1970 at the age of 6. During each of two one-year Sabbatical Leaves from the University, Jack took his family around the world, making stops of several months in Australia and India, and visiting some 40 countries in all.

Jack took up hunting and shooting again as his principal hobbies when he gained employment in Edmonton, and in 1973 when Tofield formed an Old Timers hockey team, he also went back to playing hockey after a 24 year lay-off. In 1982 he began playing hockey in the newly formed University of Alberta 'Over 35 League', which he continues to do at this writing.

Shirley passed away on June 26, 1988. Jack retired from the University in 1991, but continues with his research there as Professor Emeritus.

The Haakstads

(by Simon Haakstad)

Simon and Ingrid Haakstad and their five children immigrated to Wilton, Minnesota, from Norway, in 1889. When their son, Hans, was older he worked in the Lath Mill where he graded Lath. In 1906, the Haakstad family left Minnesota and moved to Bardo, Alberta, where they settled on his father, Johannes Johnson Sr.'s farm. The land was good for farming and they grew mostly oats. They had a big garden but because of the over abundance of rabbits, rabbit became the main staple of their diet. During those years, there were heavy rainfalls so every creek and lake seemed to be filled with fish.



Hans Haakstad.

Hans was an avid sportsman and played baseball with the Bardo Baseball Team. His nickname was Scoop and he and his friend Hilmar Johnson were often paid to play with other baseball teams in the area. In 1914, Hans met and married Jenny Boletta Lerbekmo, daughter of John and Dorthea Lerbekmo. They had a big wedding as all the Norwegians in the community

were invited. Then in 1915 they had their first son Wilton, and in 1917 their second son, Donald was born. Hans, Jenny, Wilton, and Donald then heard the call of the north and moved in 1918 to Northfield, near Grande Prairie, and settled with Hans' sister, Johanna and the Bangens. Many Norwegians had already established a community there as the land was cheap and plentiful and the train was available to Grande Prairie in 1916. Hans was able to get a homestead, 1/4 section of land for \$10, but he had to break 5 acres a year and live there for six months of the year, for three years before the land was finally his. Jenny became ill so Donald was adopted by the Oliver Berg family from Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Three months after they moved from Bardo there was an outbreak of the Spanish flu and Wilton died, as so many others did. Ingrid Haakstad also died that year but Simon Haakstad lived until 1929. Another son, whom they named Simon, was born in 1924. During those years, Hans, John Eide, and Ole Heggund owned and operated a saw mill until it was destroyed by fire.

Simon joined the RAF during the Second World War and served as a Bombadier flying in Lancasters over Germany. He was discharged in 1945 and purchased the Buffalo Lakes Store with Bob Smith. Bob was married to Johanna's daughter, Thelma. In 1946 Simon married



Jennie and Simon Haakstad.

Christine Anderson and they lived in Buffalo Lakes until 1954 when Simon took over Hans' farm. Hans retired then and spent his retirement years travelling until he passed away in 1962. Simon and Christine had five children – Gail, Don, Lyman, Joehan, and Carmen, who are all married and have eleven children among them. Simon still farms the original homestead.

Johanna ran the maternity home in Sexsmith until 1956 when she retired to Buffalo Lakes. She brought over 3700 babies into the world and was nicknamed the “Nightingale of the North”. Her daughter, Thelma, passed away in 1989.

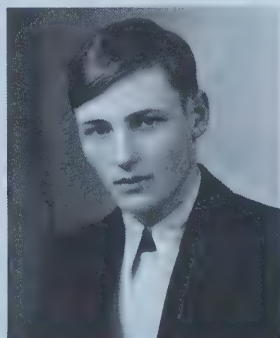
The Haakstad's enjoyed their years in Bardo and have managed to keep in touch with the relatives that continue to live there.

Donald Juel Berg

(by Donald Berg)

Donald (Haakstad) Berg, son of Hans and Jenny Haakstad, was born August 23, 1917. Due to his mother's illness, he was taken in and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Berg. When they passed away, he was raised by Hans and Carrie Kvern, and grew up at Preeceville, Saskatchewan. He married Lucy Ruth Kvern, who had two children, namely Elaine Marian Kvern and Colin Roger Kvern.

Donald and Lucy had one child, Larry Juel Berg, who married Ann DeCossan. Donald farmed for a while in Saskatchewan. He then took over the “Ford Agency” in Sturgis, Saskatchewan. Later on, they moved to Calgary, where they now reside.



Donald Berg, 1940.

Julius Dreier Lerbekmo

Julius Lerbekmo was born in Bardo, Alberta, on March 1, 1906, the son of John and Dortha Lerbekmo. On December 18, 1937, he married Selma Nomeland, daughter of Sam and Julia Nomeland. They had one son, Larry Samuel, born July 16, 1946.



Bob Berrecloth, Pete Lerbekmo, Julius Lerbekmo.

Larry married Lorna Lynne Richard on July 22, 1967. They have three children – Jeffery Adam (born on October 20, 1971), Kelly Jean (born on August 17, 1974) and Kimberly Dawn (born on November 4, 1976).

Julius played baseball for Bardo for a number of years, and also with Ketchamoot and Tofield. He became one of the better pitchers. Julius was very handy around cars and for part of his life made his living servicing and selling cars. In his younger years, he remodelled Fords into racer type cars, which at the time were called “Bugs”. There wasn't much that he could not make from a piece of wood or a slab of iron. One of his favorite sports was duck and goose hunting. He was very proficient at shooting with a shot gun.

Julius died on January 30, 1978 and Selma died on January 6, 1976.

Larry, Lorna and their family live in Sherwood Park, Alberta.



Julius Lerbekmo and his first “BUG” vehicle.

Livelton, Ole and Kristine (submitted by daughter, Agnes)

Ole and Kristine, with family, left Norway in the summer of 1913 on the 'Empress of Ireland'. They landed in Halifax the end of July and travelled by train to Bardo, Alberta. They lived in a small house on the Finseth farm for eight months. Agnes was seven years old at the time.

In March of 1914 the family set out with horses and wagons across the Emerson Trail to the Peace River Country. They settled in the Buffalo Lakes area where Mr. Livelton and his sons homesteaded.



The Livelton family. Margaret, John, Lars, Ole and Ruth, Mrs. Livelton and granddaughter Lillian, Jenny, Annie, Agnes. Inserts: Karen, Bernhard, Olief, Kyrie.

Ole and Kristine had a large family of eleven children. Johannes married Anna Benterud, Karin married Ole Forseth, Lars, Bernard married Clara, Jenny married Folke Erickson, Oleif married Johanna Sundlie, Margaret married Peter Forseth, Kyrie, Anny married Alfred Liland, Agnes married Carl Nordin and Ruth married Harold Olderskog.

The Livelton family have all passed away except for Ruth and Agnes. Ruth and Harold have their home in Surrey, British Columbia, and Agnes lives in Amisk, Alberta. Her husband, Carl passed away in 1957. In 1964, Agnes married Rudolph Jacobson. He passed away in 1987. Agnes says, "I am now a widow for the second time and will be 87 years old in August, 1992".

Gulbrand and Solveig Lillian Loken by Gulbrand Loken

Lillian and I spent two very busy years in the Bardo community. From 1940 to 1942, I was the principal and teacher in the senior room of Anderson School #434. Prior to our marriage in

1940, we had both taught in the Salt Lake S.D. #979. Lillian also taught for one year in the Likness one-room school which is now a part of the district museum at Camrose. In 1942-43, I taught high school in the town of Ryley, but in the fall of 1943 I became the principal of the high school department at the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute where I served for 18 years. In 1961 to 1966, I was the president of Camrose Lutheran College for five years. Upon the completion of two graduate degrees at the University of Alberta, I taught at the University of Alberta from 1966 to 1971. From 1971 to 1983, I was professor of educational administration at the University of Calgary. Both Lillian and I are graduates of the Camrose Normal School. Lillian has also taught Art for many years.

Our years at Bardo were happy years because we had so many wonderful students from both the Lutheran and Mennonite communities, and rich fellowship with so many in the local community. It was a pleasure to work with Magda Hendrickson and Ragna Steen on their book, "Pioneer Days in Bardo", to be active members of Bardo Lutheran Church, and to serve as the secretary of Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp from 1938 to 1943. In 1980, I completed the book, "From Fjord to Frontier".

Now that we are seniors, we can look back on so many rich blessings and opportunities we have had to serve. We rejoice exceedingly in our large family and also in our 15 grandchildren. Indeed the Lord has been very good to us!



Centre: Bert and Lillian Loken on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Taken in 1990. Standing: Beryl, Crystal, Mark, Joel, Rock, John, Sharon and Rhoda.

Edwin and Myrtle Magneson

by Myrtle

I am Myrtle Larvik Magneson and my husband was Edwin Magneson.

My father and mother, Herman and Hilleborg Larvik, my sister, Olga and I lived eight miles from Northfield, Minnesota. We moved to Cereal, Alberta when I was three years old in 1908.

Edwin was seventeen when his mother and the family moved to Cereal.

We lived in Cereal, Alberta where we were married on March 15th, 1924 and shortly after we moved to Ryley. Edwin wanted to move to some other place as there had been so much drought in Cereal. Rev. K. Blomlie, who served the Lutheran Church in Cereal, had moved to Ryley and he thought that it was nice there. Edwin travelled by train to Ryley and stayed at Blomlie's place. While he was there, he found a place in the Bardo district to rent. He told the owner that he would be back the next day. He went back and it had been sold that morning. It was the place that John Anderson purchased – the quarter west of the present Anderson school. He then rented some land about two miles north-east of Ryley where we lived for two years. After that we rented Andrew Finseth's land which was two quarters just north of Ryley and later we purchased them.

We had two children, a daughter, Bernice and a son, Charles.

We milked about six cows, had four horses, a few pigs and some chickens. We worked hard and times were very poor. I can remember one time we were going to really make money. We sold one hundred pigs (weighing each about 200 pounds) for \$3.50 apiece.

We were involved with Bethel Lutheran Church in Ryley with the choir, Sunday School and Ladies Aid.

Our daughter, Bernice, married Andy Heiberg from the Bardo District and moved there in 1951. They had four children. Our son, Charles, married Elaine Keith from Holden in 1955 and they had six children. Edwin and Charles farmed together for a number of years.

We built a new home on our land just north of Ryley in 1963 and then Charles, Elaine and family took over the farm.

We lived there until my dear husband, Edwin took ill. While he was in the Tofield hospital, the new minister of the Lutheran Church, Pastor Kevin Langager came to visit us. He had Bible reading and prayer and that was such a blessing. Edwin passed away in August 1983.



Edwin and Myrtle Magneson family, 1975. Standing: Grace, Andy, Elsa, Lyle Heiberg, Cheryl, Terry, Charles Magneson. Middle Row: Gordon Heiberg, Karen, Darrel, Marlene Magneson. Front Row: Bernice Heiberg, Edwin and Myrtle Magneson, Judy Magneson, Elaine Magneson.

I have been staying with my daughter, Bernice Heiberg, who lives here in Bardo. I knew many people here but have met many more and they are all so nice to me so it has become like home.

I am 87 years old now and have ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren and do see them quite often. They are all very special to me.

I think these History Books are very good to read about the "good old days" as they say. However, some of those days were not always so good. A while ago, I found a Creamery statement showing that we were paid \$1.33 for a five gallon can of good sweet cream and eggs were five cents a dozen.

Hazel and Sanford Martin

Sanford Enock was born on May 2, 1921 at Guernsey, Sask. His family moved to Edson and he later came to the Tofield area looking for work. He worked as a farm hand and then was employed by the Black Nugget Coal Mine in the winter.

On October 31, 1947 he married Hazel Mary, daughter of William and Sarah Wideman of Kingman. She was born on November 27, 1926.

In 1951 they moved from their home at the Black Nugget to the Jake Brenneman farm with their two children, Helen and Carl. Helen and Carl attended Grand Forks School until its closure in 1958. The children were then bussed to Bardo and later, Ryley.

The family grew to be ten. The Martins retired and moved to Tofield in 1985. Sanford and Hazel's family include:

Helen married Gaylord Kauffman. He is a



Sanford Martin family. Back Row: Randy, Carl, Edward, Joy, Delford, Philip, Glen. Front Row: Helen, Sanford, Walter, Hazel, Connie.

heavy-duty mechanic. They live in Sherwood Park with their two boys, Trevor and Bradley.

Carl married Diane Marshall and he is trucking and operating a corral cleaning business and resides on the home acreage. They have three children, Daniel, Carla and Eric.

Edward married Darlene Kjos. He is driving truck for Liquid Air. They live in Sherwood Park with their three children Tanya, Tara and Dustin.

Connie was married to Irving Sitler who passed away in 1975. She is now married to Bernard Stauffer who is farming in the Grand Forks area. They have one son, Cody, and twins, Tyson Edward and Sarah Mary.

Delford married Coleen Stauffer. He is a supervisor in a construction company. They reside in Edmonton with their two children, Jennifer and Benjamin.

Philip married Anita Rude. They live in the Grand Forks area with their three girls, Gina, Shandel and Kali.

Glen married Cindy Rude. He is a welder. They live in the Bardo area with their four children, Susanna, Caleb, Jessica and Zachery.

Randy passed away August 18, 1988.

Joy married Brian Pederson. He farms in the Bawlf area. They have two children, Krystle and Derek.

Walter married Cindy Ferguson. He is presently attending Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills.

Carl and Diane Martin

(by Diane Martin)

The family of Carl and Diane Martin are living on part of NE 1/4-8-49-19-W4, which was the home place of Carl's folks, Sanford and Hazel Martin.



Carl Martin Family. Back Row: Diane, Carl. Front Row: Eric, Carla, Daniel.

Carl was born June 18, 1951. Diane Eleanor (Marshall) was born April 2, 1951. Carl and Diane were married June 9, 1973. They have three children: Daniel John (born November 1, 1974), Carla Genevi (born March 12, 1976), and Eric Nathaniel (born January 21, 1980).

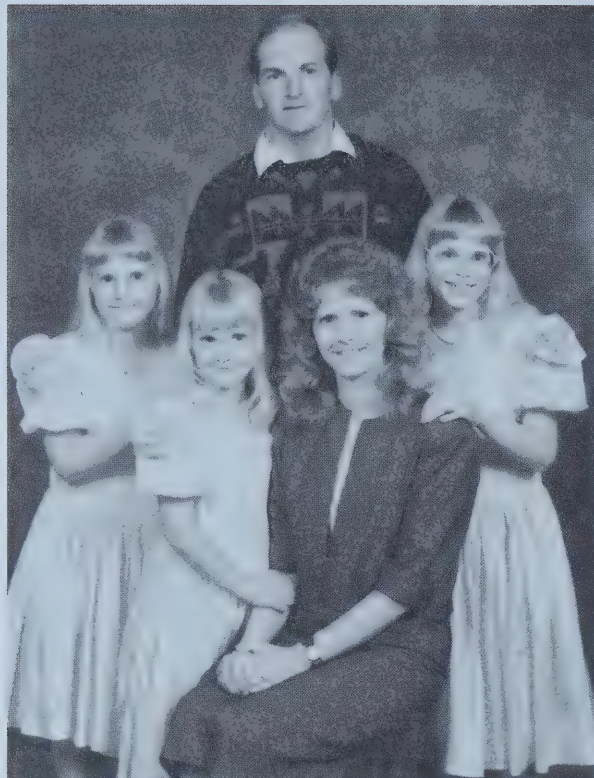
Carl grew up in the area. He took his schooling at Grand Forks, Bardo and Ryley and completed his grade 12 at Camrose Composite. Diane was raised in the Edmonton area and finished her schooling at Ardrossan High School. They and their family are active members of the Salem Mennonite Church. Daniel graduated from Tofield High School in 1992. Carla is going into grade eleven at Tofield, and Eric attends the Cornerstone Christian School, now located in Camrose, Alberta (1992).

Carl is self-employed, working at corral cleaning and truck driving. Diane has worked at the Treasury Branch in Tofield for many years and continues to do so.

Martin, Philip and Anita

(by Anita Martin)

Philip was born April 23, 1958 to Sanford and Hazel (Wideman) Martin. Phil married Anita (born January 20, 1959; daughter of Lars and



Phil and Anita Martin, Shandel, Kali, Gina.

Gladys (Lehman) Rude) on August 27, 1977. Their three daughters are Gina (born June 18 1980), Shandel (born January 1, 1982) and Kali (born July 25, 1983).

They rented Bernard Stauffer's house for about eight years. Phil started farming his Dad's land in 1981. He farms in co-operation with Lars and Merlin Rude. Phil bought his Dad's place in 1985, where they lived and farmed (grain and range cattle) for six years. Then the opportunity came to buy Don and Pat Litwin's farm in 1991, and that is where they are now living and farming (grain, range cattle and poultry). Carl and Diane Martin are on Phil and Carl's father's farm.

Phil has his welding ticket. In 1978, Phil took his first year of welding classroom work at Lakeland College in Vermilion. Anita went along and took a sewing course so they could stay in the dorm in a suite. Phil has worked at Stelpipe in Camrose since 1981.

The girls have a lot of fun playing. When Phil took out the pig sheds and runways the girls were very upset. This had been a favorite play area. We never had pigs.

One time the girls were having a water fight. Shandel went up on the roof of the chicken house.

While trying to stay dry she fell off the roof and broke her wrist. This was about a week before school started. Off to grade one Shandel went with a cast on her arm.

Picnics in the pasture are something the girls are always ready to do from early spring to late fall and sometimes even in the winter with blankets to cover the snow.

Martin, Glen A. and Cindy

(by Cindy)

Glen Alen Martin was born on October 18, 1959 in the Tofield Hospital. He was the seventh child of Sanford and Hazel Martin. Glen was raised on a farm fourteen miles southeast of Tofield and he attended Ryley School.

Meanwhile, Cindy Lou Rude was born June 30, 1966 in the Tofield Hospital. She was the fifth child of Lars and Gladys Rude. Cindy was raised on a farm twelve miles southeast of Tofield and attended Tofield School.

Both Glen and Cindy grew up attending Salem Mennonite Church where they were actively involved in many church activities. They participated in MYF (Mennonite Youth Fellowship) and taught Sunday School. In 1983, they went with a group of young people to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for a youth conference. Cindy also went on a tour, the same year, with the Community Youth Services. They travelled to British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, sharing testimonies, songs and short skits about Jesus.

Glen started apprenticing for his Journeyman's Ticket (Welding) in 1979 and completed it in 1982. Cindy took no further education but held jobs in a grocery store and in December of '84 she lived with her Uncle and Aunt, Carl and Alma Nelson in Edmonton and worked at a large Insurance Brokerage Firm until they were married.



Glen and Cindy Martin, Suzanna, Jessica, Zachery, Caleb.

Glen and Cindy were married June 8, 1985 in the Salem Mennonite Church. Bill Bast officiated. Glen and Cindy drove to Los Angeles for their honeymoon where they stayed with Gudrun Ronning (Ness) for two days.

The first two years they rented a farm sight from Bernard Stauffer. They raised wiener hogs there while Glen always held a welding job, usually in Edmonton. Cindy worked on a road crew rebuilding "the Bardo Road", Highway 834 South of Tofield, and also worked in a drug store before their children started coming. In the spring of 1986, they were in California again with the Mennonite Disaster Service, where they aided flood victims in the Russian River area.

On July 23, 1986, Suzanna Joy was born to them. Soon after they decided to go to Bible School in Hamilton, Montana. Two weeks before they left for school, on August 18, 1987, Caleb Alen was born. While in school, Glen went on a mission trip to Hong Kong for two weeks. He smuggled much needed Bibles into Communist China. Glen graduated with honours in the Ministerial Training Class in May of 1988. Glen and Cindy moved back to the Bardo area where their third child, Jessica Lou was born on November 19, 1988. They rented an acreage from Carl Hansen, one mile east and two miles north of the Anderson (Bardo) School, and Glen continued his welding career. (Presently, Glen runs his own welding company, Warrior Welding Ltd.)

Though they loved living in the Bardo area, they decided to move to Sherwood Park so Glen would be closer to work. While living in the Park, their fourth child, Zachery Dane was born on September 22, 1990.

When you grow up in a close, loving, family style community it is not easy to leave. So in July of 1991, they bought their first home. They bought 10 acres two miles west of the Anderson School (Sam and Selma Cinnamon's home place.) Cindy's great-grandparents, Chris and Marie Rude, saw the beauty in this area and worked hard to create a great community. Glen and Cindy hope to continue the legacy in community living and raise their children to love and respect the more traditional values prevalent in the Bardo area.

Maurer, John, Dorothy and Family

John Maurer, only son of Elmer and Annie Maurer, had five sisters. Lorene married William Wideman. Mildred married Gordon Buschert. Freda married Paul Voegtlin. Erma married Frank Mast and Edna married Neil Good.

John married Dorothy Stauffer, daughter of Sam and Lizzie Stauffer. They have five children – Dwight, David, Donald, Linda and Clayton.

In 1947, John and Dorothy moved to the McConnell place, Section 19-50-18-W4, and lived on the farm on the northeast quarter. The east half was purchased from Clifford Appleby and the west half from Mrs. Minnie McConnell.

John and Dorothy's oldest child, Dwight, was just ready to start school when the Ingram school closed. He walked one mile to the west corner to catch the school bus for a couple of years. After that the bus went past the farm.

Dwight married Bonnie Wideman and they have two children – Michael and Pauline. David and Clayton are single. Donald married Josephine Houle and they have one daughter – April. Linda married Gordon Suchy. Three children were born to this union – Connie, Scott and Amanda.

It was a good place to live with lots of good neighbors, and a nice community. John and Dorothy presently (1993) make their home in the Holden Seniors' Lodge.

George and Minnie McConnell

(submitted by Lilly Schultz)

Minnie Schultz was born in 1890 in the town of Webb, Clay County, Iowa. She came to Tofield, Alberta in the spring of 1906. In 1919, she married George McConnell. They farmed southeast of Tofield on Section 19 – Township 50 – Range 18 – W of the 4th, until 1925, then moved to Auburn,



Otto Schultz, Alfred Schultz, Doris Martin, Tom Schultz, Minnie McConnell.

Nebraska. Here they lived until George's passing. The land was eventually sold to Mr. Sam Stauffer and is now owned by John Maurer.

In 1932, Minnie returned to Tofield to make her home. She passed away June 21, 1965. Minnie had one sister, Doris, four brothers, Alfred, Tom, Walter, and Otto Schultz. Old-timers will remember her as a great hostess who took pride in her cooking and baking, as well as the many handicrafts she excelled in.

The Hugh and Isabella Mitchell Family (Information submitted by Margaret Jalbert and her nephew Bill Mitchell)

Hugh Mitchell was born in Pickolo, Pennsylvania on June 3, 1847. He married Isabella R. Murray, born March 2, 1848, from Woodstock, Ontario. They had met in Tama County, Iowa. Their wedding took place on October 11, 1877, at Grant Township, Tama County, Iowa. Their seven children were born in the United States. The family consisted of the following children.

Robert George was born February 5, 1879 and died April 23, 1881.

Mary was born on March 15, 1880, and married Peter Ingram.

Elizabeth was born October 12, 1881, and married James Younie.

Robert George was born on April 23, 1883.

William Alexander was born on August 21, 1884, and married Amanda Henderson.

Jane May (Jean) was born December 24, 1885, and married Mr. Dawe.

David Hugh was born on July 16, 1887.



The Hugh Mitchell family. Back Row: Robert, Hugh, Mary, Elizabeth, Isabel. Front Row: David, William, Jenny.

Mr. Mitchell heard about the good homestead land in Alberta, Northwest Territories from Sam Stirrett who was working for him. Sam's brother, Bob had gone to check out the land and upon returning to the States, he and the Fletcher brothers moved to Alberta and took up homesteading.

In 1895, Mr. Mitchell also acquired a homestead which had been filed on by Mr. Peterson. This land was NW-1/4-14-50-19-W4. There were two small shacks on the place. The Mitchell family lived in one of the shacks until their new, larger house was ready. There was so little room in the shack that the beds had to be moved out during the day and brought in at bedtime.

Mr. Mitchell had brought his blacksmithing equipment with him and did a lot of work for the whole district.

Mrs. Hugh Mitchell was a Charter member of the Bardo Ladies' Aid which was organized in March, 1898. The ladies walked, skied or sometimes drove a horse and buggy, if one was available, to the meetings. They often gathered in the forenoon in order to accomplish their work such as knitting, quilting, sewing of men's shirts and children's clothing which was later sold at a bazaar to earn money for the project at hand. The hostess for the meeting would supply a noon meal. (Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta - P. 112).

Editor's note: Because the surrounding school districts, such as Ketchamoot, were not yet formed, Bardo included settlers for many miles around.

Hugh's son, William, married Amanda Henderson, daughter of Jason Munroe Henderson. Her father homesteaded in the area north-west of the H. Mitchell home in 1895. Amanda was born on September 16, 1887 at Telleco Plains, Munroe County, Tennessee. William and Amanda were married at Tofield on December 29, 1915. They lived on the Hugh Mitchell farm until they retired to Tofield. Their family consisted of a son, William Jr. and Margaret (Mrs. A. Jalbert).

Will and Amanda had many vivid memories of pioneer days which included sod houses with leaking roofs after every rain, roads which were just trails and getting stuck with an empty wagon on the way for supplies. The supplies were freighted by wagon from Edmonton or Wetaskiwin.

The pioneers did a lot of visiting. The whole family would travel by team and wagon to spend

the day with a neighbor. They were always received joyfully.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell passed away on April 27, 1931 and January 28, 1934, respectively while residing in Edmonton. They are both buried in the Tofield Cemetery.

Moen, Asbjorn

Asbjorn B. Moen (born – 1871; died – 1964) was born in Bardu, Norway to parents, Iver and Barbro Bjornsen. There were seven siblings. Three brothers took the 'gard' (farm) name, Moen, for their family surname. Asbjorn was known as Asbjorn Bjornsen (his father's surname) in Norway but chose Moen when he immigrated to the United States in 1900, therefore some of the Bjornsens became known as Moen.

Asbjorn married Gunhild Iversdatter Foshaug in Bardu, Norway. She was born in 1874, a sister of Lars Foshaug. They immigrated with three children, Iver, Ingolf and Borghild to Crookston, Minnesota, in 1900. Asbjorn continued on to Bardo, Alberta to file on a homestead before bringing the family. His wife and children arrived in 1901. His homestead location was SE 1/4-36-40-19-W4.

Asbjorn was a carpenter by trade and a farmer by occupation. He was one of the early pioneers in the Bardo area. He built both Lakeshore and McKenzie schools and he and John Ness were given the contract to build the second Amisk Creek school. Mr. Ness was a plasterer by trade.

Asbjorn and Gunhild had eight children. Iver was born in 1896 and died in 1956 (see history). Ingolf (b. 1897 – d. 1960) was in the Twenty First Reserve Battalion in WW 1 and was sent to England. Luckily, the Armistice was signed before he saw action in France. Sometime after returning to Canada he became ill and spent many years in an Edmonton Hospital. Ingolf died in 1967 and was buried in the Bardo Cemetery. Borghild (born 1899) married Lars Rolfstad (see history). George, was born in 1901 and died in 1984 (see history). Mabel (b. 1904 – d. 1984) married Howard Shewsbery. Gudrun (b. 1906 – d. 1911) died from polio. Gunvald (b. 1908 – d. 1933) was adopted by the Flaaten at Amisk Creek. He remained single and died at an early age. Gunhild (b. 1908 – d. 1979) married Helmer Hendrickson (see history).

Asbjorn's wife, Gunhild, died when the twins were born. She was buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Asbjorn was interested in Community and Church activities. He was Custodian of the Bardo



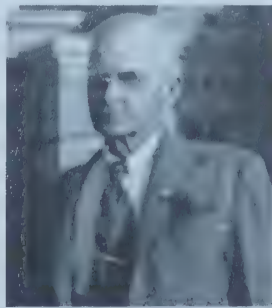
Gunvald (Moen) Flaaten.

Lutheran Church which was built on land he had donated for that purpose.

In 1910 Asbjorn married Christina Toresen Fredland. She was born in 1881 in Bardu, Norway and came to Camrose, Alberta in 1908. After his second marriage Asbjorn built a house on Andrew Finseth's property in Ryley and moved there around 1917. His oldest son, Iver, farmed the homestead at this time.

Asbjorn and Christina had a family of seven. Arthur (b. 1911) (see history), Thelma (b. 1913) (see history), Margaret (b. 1915), Benny (b. 1916), Lorraine (b. 1918) (see history), Norma (b. 1920) (see history), and Doris (b. 1921, died 1992).

Christina became ill in 1921. She never fully recovered. She retired from active life in Camrose until her death in 1957. She is buried in the Bardo Cemetery. Asbjorn lived in White Rock, British Columbia for a time and then retired in Delta, B.C. where he lived until his death in 1964. He is buried in Delta, B.C.



Mr. Asbjorn Moen, 1947.

Moen, Iver B. and Olfrid (submitted by the family)

Iver Bjornulf Moen (born 1896 in Bardu, Norway) came to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asbjorn Moen, who settled in the Bardo district of Alberta in 1900. As a small child Olfrid Eggen (born 1902) also came from Norway to Bardo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Eggen. They both grew up in the community and



Ivar Moen.

Olfrid Moen.

they were married December 22, 1922. Six children were born to Iver and Olfrid – Eldon (born 1924, died 1979), Harold (born 1926, died 1933), Ila (born 1928), Doreen (born 1932), Peggy (Margaret) (born 1935) and Hazel (born 1938, died 1993).

Iver and Olfrid farmed in Bardo until Iver's death in July, 1956. Olfrid then left the farm, which was later sold to Charles and Pauline Rude, and lived in Edmonton with Doreen, Peggy and Hazel for a year. She moved to Calgary in 1957 and made her home with Ila and Dave until her death in August, 1962.

Iver and Olfrid were active in all community and church activities in Bardo. Iver was a real "people person" with a concern for education, even though he had little education himself. He served several years as a trustee with the Holden School Division. Doreen once accompanied him on his visitations to the area schools. Both Ila and Peggy were encouraged to become school teachers and both experienced one room rural schools as novices. Iver also drove the school bus for a period of time. Olfrid was an innovative seamstress and sewed most of her own and her children's clothing – often remodelling clothes handed down in the family. Ila's wedding dress was a product of her treadle machine. Olfrid had a knack with scissors and clippers and as a result styled the hair of her family and neighbors. Music was an important part of the family life. Olfrid taught herself how to play the piano and played for church services and often for male chorus practices. Sing songs took place around the piano regularly. Iver and Eldon sang with enthusiasm in the church choir and in the male chorus. Ila, Doreen and Peggy sang trios and once entered the 'Search for Talent' contest. They sang 'The Whiffenpoof Song', and despite the second place finish found it a memorable experience.

Threshing time was a favorite time for all and hopes and dreams were hinged on the outcome of the harvest season. Riding on the grain wagon to the Bardo elevator left Ila with wonderful memories of special times with her Dad. Harvest time coincided with the World Series which was tuned in on the battery radio during meal breaks. This was a social time when help came from far and wide. Women were acclaimed for their bountiful table and freshly baked goodies which were taken out to the crew in the field. Chores had to be fitted in with the heavy cooking and social obligations. For children, harvest time was, next to Christmas, the high point of the year. Christmas concerts at school and at church were awaited with excitement. New outfits were vital even if they had been remodelled from something worn earlier. What a treat when regular lessons were put aside while the practicing took place. Each child was rewarded with a candy bag, and apples were distributed to all. Not to be forgotten was walking around the Christmas Tree lighted with real candles and singing what seemed to be endless verses of "Jeg Er Saa Glad". The children were privileged to help ring the church bell announcing Christmas Eve. All of Christmas week was spent entertaining or being entertained and no one seemed to be concerned about cholesterol as the goodies were consumed. Iver was proud to plug in a string of colored lights when power finally came to the farm in 1955. That string of lights continued to be used each Christmas until 1990.



Iver and Olfrid Moen family. Back Row: Iver, Olfrid, Eldon, Ila. Front Row: Hazel, Doreen, Margaret (Peggy).

when they were stolen. Fond memories linger of:
- doing chores for neighbors and having the favor returned

- pride at having the church situated on the family farm
- the years the annual sports day took place in a pasture on the farm
- clean up day at the cemetery, another social time
- the sleigh rides and ice skating on the pond at school
- young people's socials and 'taffy' pulling
- Hallowe'en fun which often sparked unique tricks

For all the Moens, life in Bardo was full of rewarding experiences. Their rich heritage is a treasure for future generations.

Eldon and Arlene Moen

by Arlene Moen

Eldon Eugene Moen and Arlene Grace Foss were married in the Bardo Lutheran Church on June 25, 1948. Shortly thereafter they built a small home and farmed on their land one mile west of the church.



Eldon and Arlene Moen's wedding. Charles Rude, Lester Krogen, Eldon and Arlene, Ila Moen, ?. Front: ?, ?.

Karen was born in 1949 in Tofield, Lynda in 1952 and Debbie in 1955.

Eldon farmed his parents' farm near the old Bardo Church, where they lived for several years. Eldon enjoyed sports and he played on the Bardo baseball team for many years. They were also active in curling. They found life in Bardo very enjoyable.

In 1959, Eldon, Arlene and family left the farm and Eldon took up the occupation of steam

engineering. His work took them to several communities such as Edmonton, Lethbridge, Olds and Camrose. He passed away in 1979 in Camrose, Alberta. Arlene retired to Lethbridge where she is very happy.

Karen married Alden Bourne in 1967 and they live at Magrath, Alberta, twenty miles from Lethbridge. They have two children; Shauna, 18 years and Greg, 13 years. Lynda married Gerald Udal and they live near Maple Creek, Saskatchewan on a ranch. They are the parents of Daina - 17, Dale - 16 and Mark - 13 years.

Debbie married Myles White. They live on an acreage near Sundre, Alberta. They have three children; Kelly - 22 years, married to Michelle and they have a baby boy Sabastian, Bobbi-Jo - 20 years and Dallas - 15 years old.

Thomas, David and Ila

(by Ila Thomas)

Ila Gwendolyn Moen married David Duncan Thomas at the Bardo Lutheran Church on June 30, 1951. They met in Holden where Ila was teaching and Dave was with the Royal Bank of Canada. They have lived in Edmonton, Cardston, Calgary, all in Alberta, Coquitlam, British Columbia, and are now settled in Calgary.

Ila taught Elementary School in a rural one room school in the Woodlawn Community, at Holden and in Edmonton until her children were born. She returned to teaching full time in 1975 in Calgary and retired in 1989. During those years she completed her Bachelor of Education training and convocated in 1983 from the University of Alberta. During their life together both Ila and Dave have been active in their church, mostly at



Ila and Dave Thomas family. Cheryl, Heather, Jill, Lisa, Robyn, Kirk, Leah, Craig and Colleen, Trevor, Kerri Anne.

Faith Lutheran in Calgary. Dave was involved in the financial business for many years, spent some time in manufacturing and sales and for the last of his working years, until his 1992 retirement, was administrator at Faith Lutheran. Ila and Dave have led busy and productive years together. Six children have been born.

Their first son, David Kevin, died in infancy.

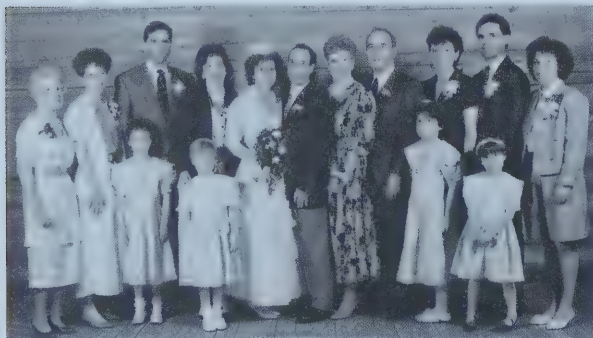
Cheryl (born 1954) is married to Walter Friesen (born 1952). They live in London, Ontario. Cheryl commutes to Windsor where she is Associate Professor of Psychology. Walter is on staff at St. Joseph's Hospital Psychology Department in London. They have no children (yet).

Heather (born 1956) lives in Calgary and works with Calgary Health Services as a Home Care Co-ordinator. She has two girls – Jill Sophia (born 1983) and Lise Margaux (born 1985). Heather and husband René Rajewicz are separated. Heather and her girls are actively involved at Faith Lutheran.

Robyn (born 1958) is married to Kirk Andries (born 1958), and lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Both Robyn and Kirk have degrees in Forestry and work for the Alberta Government. They have two girls Kelsey Erin (born 1983) and Leah Jolene (born 1985).

Craig (born 1959) is married to Colleen Carson (born 1961) and lives in Red Deer. Craig is a C.M.A. and works for Alberta Wheat Pool as financial co-ordinator. He also holds papers as a journeyman carpenter. Colleen has a degree in Computer Science and now mothers their infant son, Trevor David (born 1991).

Kerri Anne (born 1961) lives in Calgary and is pursuing studies in Recreation Therapy. She is also part of Faith Lutheran Congregation.



David and Ila (Moen) Thomas family – May 19, 1990. Dave's mother, Ruby, Heather and her girls, Jill, Lise; Walter and Cheryl Friesen, Colleen and Craig Thomas; Ila and Dave; Robyn and Kirk Andries and their girls, Kelsey, Leah; Kerri Anne.

We 'Thomases' are blessed with healthy bodies and active minds. We've managed to survive all the stages of child and parent development. We remain people bound together in love, with an abundance of precious memories and our share of heart-breaking experiences. The Lord has never let us down and continues to shower blessings upon us just as we are – warts and all. Thanks be to God!

Paul, Robert and Doreen

(by Doreen Paul)

Doreen Clare Moen was born May 6, 1932 to Iver and Olfrid Moen in the farm house, of what she recalls was the Kindley Farm (NW 1/4-12-50-19-W4), next to Alma Foshaug. Her early memories are of starting school – walking across snowy fields or of riding to school with Ila and Eldon in charge. They had some pretty stubborn horses who often scared them by dumping them over in a ditch along the road, so going to school was quite a challenge! After graduating from the farm school at Anderson (Bardo), Doreen attended the Camrose Lutheran College and then went on to finish nurse's training at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. She graduated in 1953.

During those years away from home, going to school, Doreen looked forward to weekends at home with her family and seeing all the neighbors in the community. Christmas vacation was such fun with all the dinner parties to which the neighbors invited each other. They either went to someone's house or had company over every night between Christmas and New Year's. They particularly looked forward to going to homes of those who had children the same ages as themselves. They were very close to each other.

Doreen had memorable teachers – Loolah Lerbekmo and Ralph Richardson to name a couple. There were many others who took a personal interest in Doreen, to whom she is ever grateful. She believes they were very creative and encouraging. Doreen remembers that her parents usually invited the teacher over for a meal at least once in the year.

After graduating from the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Doreen nursed in Saskatoon and Frontier, Saskatchewan, as well as at Sterling, Illinois. She came home when her father, Iver, died, and nursed at the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton for a while. Sometime later Doreen and a nursing friend decided to move to Los Angeles, California. Here she met her future

husband, Robert Paul, (born April 17, 1936). They were married December 20, 1958 in Calgary, Alberta. They have made their home in the Los Angeles, California area since then with the exception of two years in Germany and Holland where Bob was employed by Lockheed Aircraft. He continued to work for Lockheed Aircraft until his retirement in 1991.



Doreen and Bob Paul.

Doreen and Bob have three daughters. Deanne Leigh (born May 25, 1961) married Stephen Hill on August 3, 1985 – parents of the ‘Grandbaby’ Taylor Doreen (born January 2, 1992). Deanne had worked for Walt Disney and Warner Brothers. Stephen works in marketing.

Susan (born June 30, 1963) married Jonathan Hixon on June 13, 1991. Susan presently is working on her R.N. Her husband works for a Life Insurance Company.

Carol (born June 10, 1967) manages a ski department at R.E.I., a large Sporting Goods Company.

Doreen worked part-time the last ten years in a Medical Facility for a Urologist, but has resigned because of a move to a new locality. Her husband, Bob, after retirement from Lockheed Aircraft has taken a Consulting job at McDonnell-Douglas necessitating a move to the South Bay area. Doreen is undecided about taking another job. It depends on how much time her husband has to travel. She thinks she would like to enjoy being a Grandmother for a while.

Nichols, Pat and Peggy (Moen)

(by Peggy Nichols)

I, Margaret Jean (Peggy) Moen (born 1935) was married to Arthur Ralph (Pat) Nichols (born 1928), at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Edmonton, August 17, 1957. I met Pat at Cardston, Alberta where he was working for the Royal Bank along with sister Ila’s husband, Dave. Pat continued to work for the Bank for thirty-seven years, and our family lived in Calgary, Fort McMurray, Blackie, Cochrane and finally Devon, where we have resided since 1969. Pat retired from the bank in 1987 but continues to work for them, selling Retirement Income Plans.



Peggy and Pat Nichols.

I took Education at the University of Alberta after graduating with a High School Diploma from Camrose Lutheran College, and taught school at Solberg, Holden, Edmonton, Calgary, Cochrane and Devon, all in Alberta. I worked for the Devon School District for twenty years during which time I returned to the U. of A. and earned my degree in 1977. I retired from teaching in 1990.

Pat and I are members of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Edmonton. Pat has been involved with Council over the years and continues to be on the Board of Canora Gardens, a senior’s highrise that is managed by our church. I’ve directed the Choir at Mt. Zion for the past few years and this has been a real pleasure.

We’ve been blessed with three children and four grandchildren.

Barry Scott (born 1958) married Beth Smith in 1982. They have two children – Kirsten Elizabeth (born 1984) and Joel Scott (born 1987). Barry and

family live in Red Deer where Barry works as area manager for FullKote and Beth as a full time Mom.

Kori Lynn (born 1959) married Douglas Armitage in 1982. Their children are Michael John (born 1986) and Kyle Douglas (born 1988). Kori received her CMA in 1985 and worked for Esso before taking on the duties of a full time Mom. Doug has always worked in oil related industries, and presently works for Ceda. They live in Devon.

Douglas Kent (born 1965) married Lori Roblin in 1988. Doug works for Canadian Airlines and Lori for a plastic company, Canplas. They live in Edmonton



Pat and Peggy Nichols' children. Back Row: Douglas Nichols, Beth and Barry, Joel, Kristen. Front Row: Lori, Kari Lynn, Douglas, Kyle, Michael.

Stolee, Bryan and Hazel

(by Bryan and Hazel)

Hazel Moen was born April 10, 1938 in Bardo, Alberta. Her parents were Iver and Olfrid Moen. She attended the Anderson School at Bardo for grades one to ten, took grade eleven in Tofield and grade twelve at Camrose Lutheran College where she graduated in 1956.

Hazel then took the R.N. Nursing Program at Calgary General Hospital and graduated in 1960. She worked in California from 1961 to 1964. Hazel and Bryan Stolee were married in 1964. They lived in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Edmonton, Alberta one year each, then settled in Chilliwack, British Columbia in 1966.

Hazel worked at the local Hospital and a Medical Clinic. She also worked in an Intermediate Care Setting for the past eight years. She retired in 1991 for health reasons.

Bryan was born July 7, 1937. He is teaching Science, grade nine and eleven, one-half time at the Sardis Secondary School.



Bryan and Hazel Stolee family, 1989. Bryan, Gina, Hazel, Mike.

Bryan and Hazel have two children – Gina (born April 3, 1968) and Michael (born February 1, 1971). Gina graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Studies at the University of St. Francis Xavier, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Michael is planning to attend Red Deer College, Alberta in September, 1992.

Bryan and Hazel remain active participants in their local church. Bryan, who was choir director for many years, is now retired. Hazel served as one of the organists for many years. She passed away on June 24, 1993.

Rolfstad, Lars and Borghild (by Borghild (Moen) Rolfstad)

Borghild Moen was born in Bardu, Norway in 1899 and came to America in 1900 with her parents, Asbjorn and Gunhild Moen and two brothers, Ivar and Ingolf.

From New York they travelled by train to Crookston, Minnesota. Asbjorn then left the family with relatives and travelled to Alberta to file on a homestead in Bardo. After building a log house with a sod roof, he sent for his family. They arrived in Wetaskiwin by train, then travelled another forty miles or so by horse and wagon to Bardo.

George was born in that first log house. Later, another log house, one room with an upstairs, was built. This home had a wooden floor.

Borghild's mother died twelve days after the twins, Gunvald and Gunhild were born. Gunvald was adopted by the Flaaten family and died at age twenty-five of Hodgkin's Disease.

Gunhild stayed at Andrew and Mary Finseth's for a while until the Moen's hired a housekeeper, Kjerstina Thoreson who came from Bardu, Norway in 1908.

When Borghild was approximately five years old, she can remember that her father and neighbor, Andrew Johnson, were butchering an animal in the yard when along came a band of Indians, several wagons and horses. Needless to say the family was terrified as the Indian men came with their knives into the yard. Their mother called the children into the house. The Indians helped butcher the animal and then were given all of the innards and the hide. They took the innards down to the creek and washed them after which they cooked them and had their meal and left peacefully.

When Borghild was seventeen she took a two year course at the Vermilion School of Agriculture. She always loved to sew and made lovely clothes for herself and the family.

Borghild was married in 1919 to Lars Rolfstad in the Bardo Church. He was also born in Bardu, Norway and came to America at the age of eighteen. Lars worked on a farm in Minnesota for one year, then came to the Peace River District where he met Iver Moen who was homesteading in the Grande Prairie area. Lars came to Bardo with him in 1918.

Borghild and Lars farmed in the Ryley district for one year where their son, Kenneth, was born. They later moved back to Bardo and lived on the Moen farm where their daughter, Una, was born. Both children were baptized in the Bardo Church.

They went on to farm in the Ryley and Amisk



Borghild and Lars Rolfstad, Kenneth, Una – 1941.

Creek area until 1929 when Lars worked driving a freight truck for Ingvald Lillo. The family lived in Ryley for several years. Then in 1937 they moved to Surrey, British Columbia where Lars took up commercial fishing.

In 1944 they moved to Delta where they had a lovely old home on the Fraser River.

Their son, Kenneth, went into the Air Force in 1941 as a Wireless Air Gunner and was killed in action overseas in September, 1943.

Their daughter, Una, graduated from Surrey High School in 1941 and worked at Boeing Aircraft in Vancouver during the next two years. She married William McCall in September 1943. He was in the Air Force. William returned from overseas in 1945. They have five children and six grandchildren, all living in B.C.

Lars died in 1979 and Borghild sold the home in 1980. She bought a condominium in White Rock, British Columbia where she is still living at the age of ninety-three. Her father, Asbjorn Moen, died at the age of ninety-three in Delta, B.C.

Borghild has been an active member of the Lutheran Church in Delta and White Rock over the years. She continues to enjoy reasonably good health.



Borghild and Lars Rolfstad – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, 1969.

Moen, George and Hazel (Parker)

(by Hazel Moen)

George Moen and Hazel M. Parker were married in 1926. George was the third son of Asbjorn and Gunhild Moen. His parents homesteaded on the creek bank in the Bardo community. George's mother passed away in 1908 after which George spent his early years in the

Bellingham area in Washington, USA. He lived with his Uncle Iver Moen and returned to Bardo about the age of 17 years. Hazel lived next door on the adjoining farm, to the south of Asbjorn Moen.

Hazel and George decided to move to Gresham, Oregon, U.S.A., at the same time as her parents left the farm. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker, their four sons and baby, Arlene, also settled in Gresham, Oregon. (Baby Arlene passed away the next summer.)

George was a mechanic and Hazel worked in a Drugstore for twenty-five years. In 1947 they decided to start their own Machinery business which is now owned by their son, Howard and his son. Howard was born in 1929, the year of the "Big Crash" and daughter, Marilyn, was born in 1937. She is a nurse and an Administrator in the County Health Department. Each have two children.

George and Hazel spent many winters in the Arizona area. George passed away in April 1984 and is buried in Gresham, Oregon. Hazel still goes to Arizona, her twentieth year, and returns in the spring to the same home she and George built in 1937.



George and Hazel Moen, 1981.

Gunhild (Moen) Hendrickson (1908 – 1979)

(by Betty Nixon)

Gunhild and her twin brother, Gunvald, were the youngest of eight children born to Asbjorn and Gunhild Moen. When they were two weeks old their mother died. Thus, Gunvald was adopted by Paul and Aagot Flaaten and Gunhild was cared for by neighbors until Asbjorn remarried. The twins often visited each other as they were growing up.

At the age of twelve Gunhild's step-mother became ill and she found herself the oldest child at home and she was given the responsibility of cooking and caring for the home with several younger step-brothers and sisters. She became an excellent cook and was noted for her good bread and Norwegian pastries.

Gunhild was a devout Christian and lived a very caring and giving life, teaching Sunday School and acting as Superintendent, leading and working in the Ladies Aid (sewing many, many quilts as an example). She also had a beautiful soprano voice and sang solos in the choir. Working around home one could often hear her singing or humming a tune.



Helmer, Gunhild and family – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Miriam Vestad, Betty Nixon, Chester and Donald Hendrickson.

Gunhild married Helmer Hendrickson of Armena in 1925. They had four children – Miriam, Betty, Chester and Donald, and eighteen grandchildren. Helmer had a jewelry store in Holden, Alberta for a while. Then they farmed in the Armena area for approximately fifteen years. She was a typical farmer's wife who never minded pitching in, milking cows and helping in the field. Her girls have fond memories of taking coffee and cookies to their dad in the field so they could each have a sugar lump dipped in coffee. Miriam loved

to stay and ride with her dad and Betty couldn't wait to pack up the lunch pail and get back home.

During the 1930 depression the children didn't realize they were poor, as most everyone else was in the same situation. Helmer would take a load of wheat to the mill in exchange for some flour, and cut railway ties from the bush in exchange for coal.

In 1942 the family moved to Delta, British Columbia where Helmer was employed as a carpenter. In 1944 Gunhild became a grandmother and from then on she became "Grandma" to all neighborhood children, baking them cookies, babysitting and cutting all the little boys' hair.

Miriam married Ole Vestad in 1943. They have five boys – Marvin, Clifford, Everal, Howard and Jim, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Ole is a commercial fisherman and Miriam is a retired Realtor. They have a home in Delta and a winter home in Arizona.

Betty married Cecil Nixon in 1951. They have four children – David, Cynthia, Judy and Valerie, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They also have a home in Delta and a winter home in Arizona. They are a retired bridleman and Realtor.

Chester married Kathryn Beharrd in 1955. They have five children – Wayne, Glenn, Danny, Susan and Karen, and ten grandchildren. They own and operate a Drapery and Upholstery Shop. They live in Delta, British Columbia.

Donald married Evon Brooks. They have four children – K. Dale, Angela, Gaylene and Rosalee. They own a large dairy farm in Delta.

After their children were grown, Helmer and Gunhild loved to go on fishing and hunting trips in their motor home. Gunhild died suddenly in 1979. She was struck by a car as she was walking down the sidewalk on her way to the Christian Book Store to buy a Father's Day card for Helmer. She had often commented that when she died she hoped God would see fit to take her quickly. This Bible verse was displayed prominently in her sink window – "Watch and pray, for you know not on what day the Lord will take you."

Helmer has lived in a Seniors' residence in White Rock, British Columbia since 1990.

Arthur and Helen Moen

Information given by Art and Helen

Arthur, oldest child of Asbjorn and his second wife, Christina, was born in 1911 at Bardo, Alberta. He started school in Ryley. The rest of his schooling was taken at the Anderson School

(Bardo). In 1933 – 1934 Arthur attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose. As a young man Art worked around the community. He started farming the home place in 1936 and continued there until 1943 when his oldest brother, Iver, bought it from their father.



Helen and Arthur Moen.

In 1937 Art married Helen Gabrielson (b.1914). Helen was born in Everitt, Washington. She came to Canada with her parents and two older sisters. Two more sisters were born in Alberta. They had settled on a farm half way between Holden and Daysland. Helen took her public school grades at their country school, Sandstorm. She worked for board and room in Holden while taking grades ten and eleven. Helen had a desire to become a nurse, but that was not to be. She attended CLBI in 1933 – 1934 and that is where she met Arthur. After Bible School she went to Bardo to work for P. B. Andersons as Mrs. Anderson had had a severe stroke.

In 1943 Art and Helen sold out and moved to Scandia, Alberta, in the Eastern Irrigation District. Here Arthur worked on a farm and ranch for three years.

The fall of 1946 saw the Art Moen family back in Bardo. For four years they lived on and farmed the Mahlon Bender farm, presently owned by Ken Stauffer.

In 1951 they bought a farm at Sedgewick, Alberta, where they stayed until they moved to Camrose in 1957.

Art worked on a feed-lot operation for a while, then for the Department of Transport (Federal Government) for two and one half years, mostly at the airports and on Air Personnel houses. He was with the Civil Aviation Painting and Maintenance Division. Upon returning to

Camrose, Art trained and worked as an orderly at the Bethany Sunset Home until his retirement in 1976.

Meanwhile, Helen worked at the Bethany Sunset Home as a Nursing Aide for nine and one half years, cooked at Camrose Lutheran College for five years and then cooked at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute until retirement in 1979.

Both Art and Helen are vitally interested in the work and growth of CLBI as well as in the students who attended. They continue to follow the lives of those who went into the ministry and as missionaries throughout the years.

Music was an integral part of Art's life, especially singing. He sang solos, in quartettes, choirs and even sang Norwegian songs. Arthur's dream of a family quartette was fulfilled on his eightieth birthday. He sang duets with a grandson and also sang in a four generation musical number which included a great grandson.

Art and Helen's family consists of one daughter, Serena, b. 1938; Arlo, b. 1940; David, b. 1942; and Philip, b. 1946. Serena, Arlo and David were born in Bardo. Philip was born at Scandia. There are seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Arthur passed away suddenly on March 30, 1992. He was buried in the Camrose Cemetery.

The Arthur Moen Family

Serena – the first child of Art and Helen Moen was born at Tofield, Alberta in 1938. She married Lloyd Olson in 1960. They had two sons; Kevin born in 1961 and Brent born in 1962.

Kevin took a course in welding. He lives and works in Red Deer, Alberta.

Brent married Kim Fraser in May, 1992. He is working and finishing a course in accounting in Calgary, Alberta.

After finishing high school Serena took a course in the secretarial field. She worked a few years and then graduated from Camrose Lutheran Bible Institute in 1959. She was a Parish worker in Edmonton, Alberta for a while and also worked in many different jobs.

After a number of years, Serena and Lloyd decided to part and go their separate ways. Serena moved to Red Deer where she works in a Toronto Dominion Bank.

Arlo – the second child of Art and Helen Moen was born at Tofield, Alberta in 1940. He married Kathleen (Kathi) Beitz of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. They have three children. Trace was born in 1962 in Montreal, P.Q. and now resides in Calgary,

Alberta. Vonda, born in 1964 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, married Theron Wall and has two children; Chace born in 1986 and Taige born in 1989. Ronan was born in 1967 in Sorrel, P.Q., married Shirley Wutzse and now lives in Prince George, B.C. They have two children; Ashton born in 1989 and Sydnee Helen Adele born in 1993.

Arlo was always the nomad of the Art Moen family. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1960 and graduated in Electronics in 1962 at Clinton, Ontario. Arlo served at: Gander, Newfoundland; Yorkton, Saskatchewan; and Beaverlodge, Alberta. After leaving the Air Force in 1965, he went on to Toronto, Ontario, then on to Sorrel, P.Q. A fire on the ship he was working on prevented them from having an all Canadian family with each member born in a different province, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and two Quebecois. Ronan should have been a Nova Scotian but was a year old before the family arrived there. Since moving back west, Arlo has spent ten years travelling in and out of the Canadian Arctic which allowed the family a fairly stable base to live at and still satisfy the itchy foot of a wanderer.

Arlo and Kathi moved to Hudson Hope in December, 1992. He is working with B.C. Hydro on the Peace River Dam.

David B.E. – the third child of Art and Helen Moen was born in 1942. He married Elizabeth Katherine Stollery in July, 1963. They had two daughters; Nicole Marie born in 1964 and resides in Victoria B.C. and Kirsten Lisa born in 1968 and resides in Georgetown, Texas.

David and Elizabeth (Liz) were divorced in 1982. Liz now lives in Texas, U.S.A.

After finishing high school, David joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in Edmonton, Alberta in October, 1961. He spent five years with the R.C.A.F. He graduated from the School of Electronics and Radar Communication in 1963 at Clinton, Ontario. He then spent two years in Ontario and one and a half years in Alberta. After leaving the R.C.A.F. he joined the Alberta Government Telephones in Edmonton in 1966. In 1976 David was in Sales and related work. He now lives in Camrose, Alberta.

Philip – the youngest child of the Art Moen family was born in 1946 at Brooks, Alberta. He graduated from Camrose Composite High School in 1965. After graduation he worked in Grande Prairie, Alberta at nineteen years of age. Philip graduated from the Lethbridge Community College in 1972 in Communication Arts. He then

worked for a newspaper advertising department and also in the transportation industry.

Philip married Lucille Nault in November, 1975. They were divorced in November, 1990.

Philip's dream is to be able to work independently and make his own schedules. He now lives and works in Edmonton, Alberta.



Arthur Moen family. Arlo, Philip, David, Arthur, Helen, Serena.

Mackie, William (Bill) and Thelma (by Thelma (Moen) Mackie)

Thelma Constance, born June 28, 1913 to parents, Asbjorn and Christina Moen, on the farm in Bardo, has happy memories of her childhood. One special memory from her teen years she will never forget. Thelma and sister, Margaret, sang a High School duet at a Musical Festival in Camrose for which they received first prize medals. They thought it quite an honour.

Later on, an incident frightened the family, when a bad cyclone struck and took everything in



Bill and Thelma Mackie family.

its path. The windmill came down, just missing the house. The family was all in the cellar with their dad. It's a good thing they had him to cling to!

About 1935 or 1936 Thelma's Dad and sisters, Lorraine and Borghild moved to the West Coast near New Westminster. In November of 1937 Thelma decided to visit them. She liked it so much she decided to stay. Here she met William Mackie (Bill) whom she married on November 30, 1938.

Bill and Thelma had four children – Gerald William (born April 17, 1940), Marilyn Jane (born May 22, 1943), Alan Douglas (born September 27, 1944) and Barbara Constance (born December 29, 1948). Gerry has three children – Scott, Kyle and Kiersten. Marilyn has two children – Kelly and Donna. Alan has five children – Cameron, Bradley, twin girls, Heidi and Holly, and Joel. Barbara has one daughter – Erin. The Mackies have eleven grandchildren. William and Thelma celebrated their Golden Wedding in November, 1988.



Mackie family.

Ralph and Lorraine (Moen) Berg

Information Submitted by Lorraine Berg

Lorraine was born July 14, 1918, in Bardo, Alberta. Her parents were Asbjorn and Christina Moen. Mrs. Moen became too ill to care for her family when Lorraine was just three years old. Lorraine lived with the Anderson family several years as a small child. She has very loving memories of those years.

Lorraine moved to Delta, B.C., in 1935, and in 1937 she married Ralph Berg of Delta. They had one son, Kenneth Ivor Berg, born in 1946. In 1952 they emigrated to the U.S.A. where they lived in Mead, Washington. Ralph died in 1970.

Lorraine continues to live in Mead, Washington. She has two grandsons, Christopher Aaron Berg and Eric Scot Berg.

John and Norma (Moen) Bregg

by Norma Bregg

I was born to Asbjorn and Christine Moen on February 14, 1920 in Ryley, Alberta. When I was 6 months old my mother was taken from us and I was placed in the home of Margot and Gilbert Hoiem in Ryley. My dad and brothers and sisters returned to the farm in Bardo.

I made my home with the Hoiems until I reached adulthood. Periodically I would have contact with my family when my brother Art would come to get me to attend some family gathering.

In 1929 Papa Hoiem homesteaded at Breton, Alberta. Since there was no school at Moose Hill, a municipality near Breton where their farm was located, I remained in Ryley and lived with their daughter Emma who was still occupying the family home. In 1931 I joined the Hoiems at Moose Hill after a school had been built.

My memories and experiences in Bardo are scant except that I knew it to be my family's home. My Mom Hoiem told me many wonderful things about my family, my mother in particular, so it was not hard to become part of the family when in later years I was privileged to meet them all.

I remember one Christmas, I think it was 1950, I spent at my brother Iver's which was the original Moen farm. Iver, Olfrid and Hazel had gone to the coast for the winter and Eldon, his wife Arlene, as well as Ila, Peggy and Doreen were at home. On Christmas Eve, Ila and I waded through the snow to the church which was on the Moen farm, to ring the church bell at 6:00 p.m. because this was a Norwegian custom and the whole Community expected to hear the church bell on Christmas Eve.

From 1939-1943 I attended Bible School in Three Hills, Alberta. Later, for quite a number of years, I worked in Edmonton and Vancouver.

In 1962 I married John Bregg. We did not have any family of our own, however we raised three from the time they were one, two and three. Hal, Gilbert and Diana are our own in the same way that many years before I had become a daughter in the Hoiem household.

I am grateful for the heritage which I was born into of which Bardo was a part. Since giving my life to God at age 15 I have striven to serve Him to the best of my ability.

My husband and I now live in Osoyoos, B.C., part of the beautiful Okanagan Valley. It is a wonderful place in which to retire.

Harry and Beatrice Mosby

(by Beatrice Mosby)

Harry and Beatrice Mosby bought the Tom Rorem farm (NE 1/4 – and SW 1/4 of Section 1-5-19-W4) in 1961 and became members of the Bardo community.

Harry was born on a farm in the Earling District in 1914. His parents were George and Annie (Stensrud) Mosby. His grandfather, Ole Mosby from Kristiansand, Norway, 1902, was a Lutheran Evangelist who travelled from Peace River to Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Beatrice Baptist was born in 1916 and grew up on a farm one mile east of Tofield. She is the daughter of Crawford and Nettie Baptist.

While teaching in Salt Lake School in 1943 and 1944, Beatrice met Harry. They were married in 1947, and rented the east 1/2 of section 25-50-19-W4 from Katherine (Secord) Bain, wife of the late Dr. Grant Bain, of Tofield. They rented this farm until 1988, when Barry took over after 41 years. Beatrice taught three years in Ingram School before their children were born – Barry, Donna, Glenda and Ivy.



Harry Mosby family – July, 1992. Ivy, Donna, Glenda, Beatrice, Barry, Harry.

In 1961, the Mosbys moved from their little four-room house to the big Rorem home with six rooms downstairs, five bedrooms upstairs and a full-size attic and basement. Calgary Power had not been installed and it was "pretty scary" going upstairs at night with a coal oil lamp.

There was a beautiful yard, sheltered by a hedge of caraganas, maples and stately spruce. This provided a wonderful area for play and relaxation. Many wiener roasts were shared with friendly neighbors.

There were many highlights to life in Bardo. The first was a surprise "Welcome Party", when all the neighbors dropped in one evening. They

brought lunch and a gift of money – which was used to buy a light for the dining room.

Calgary Power was installed February 16, 1962. In their former home a 32-volt plant run by a windcharger or batteries had supplied light and power. Now, modern conveniences could be enjoyed, such as lights, a toaster, a washing machine, water pumps, and later, even a clothes dryer and a bathroom.

Bardo was an active community, offering good entertainment. There were ballgames, crokinole parties, Halloween and Valentine parties, amateur nights, pie socials, Bardo picnics in June, and Christmas Programs on December 26. Everyone remembers the thrill of marching around the Christmas tree with “We Are So Glad!” being sung in Norwegian.

Centennial year in 1967 was special. So many fun activities were planned. During that year, the new Bardo Church was built to replace the one struck by lightning in 1965. Everyone learned a lot about carpentering, painting, climbing scaffolds, and even staining ceilings.

Harry was caretaker of the cemetery for several years and he was one of three linemen for the Bardo Telephone Company. He helped build a new line and then later helped take all the lines and posts down when A.G.T. took over.

By 1988 it was time for the “old folks” to move to town, so Barry took over the farm. Harry still enjoys helping with spring and fall work.

A better place to raise a family couldn’t have been found! The children are all close enough to get home to visit and this makes everyone happy.



Harry Mosby's Gleaner L2, 1982. Ivan Foshaug standing on the ladder.

Barry and Inga Mosby

by Barry Mosby

I, Barry, oldest and only son of Harry and Bea Mosby, was born at Tofield Hospital on May 27, 1951. My earliest memories of life were of farming

at the Bain place until 1961, when Dad bought the Rorem farm and we could all have a bedroom of our own!

I attended Tofield School for twelve years and was involved in basketball, football, curling, hunting, and the local 4-H Club.

Having always been keenly interested in farming, I had an opportunity to take charge of the family farm for the fall and winter of 1968 and 1969 while Dad recovered from an infection in his hand. In May, I began my first “real” job, building a pipeline for Northwestern Utilities. This enabled me to purchase my first car and first snowmobile before returning to complete my Grade Twelve.

In the fall of 1970, I attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology for one year in the Heavy Equipment Technical Program. My job in the summer of 1971 was that of expediting for Pan-Arctic Oil based in Edmonton. This job mushroomed into an opportunity to roughneck in High Arctic oil exploration, which I opted to do for the winter instead of returning to N.A.I.T.

In the spring of 1972, I returned to farm part-time and work for Cork’s Esso. In the fall of 1972, Johnny Baergen approached me to buy his farm, the King place, where I fed beef cattle and managed my own 300-head feeder hog operation, in addition to grain farming with Dad. Winters were spent in northern Alberta logging while good neighbors looked after the livestock.

From April, 1977 to May, 1982 I was married to Kathy Smith from Billings, Montana. In 1978, we expanded the farm by building another hog barn and feed system which proved to be a bad decision after contractor problems, high interest rates, and Alberta government withdrawal from the hog stabilization plan. I lost the home quarter on May 1, 1988 after a long struggle with Farm Credit and banks. However, all was not lost. I still had my equipment and rented land, and since Mom and Dad were planning on retiring to Tofield, I was able to purchase their home quarter in August, 1988 after a three-month stay in Harry and Gladys Stauffer’s old house.

Skiing and snowmobiling have long been a couple of my favorite pastimes, along with all the great people, fun times, and spectacular mountain scenery that go along! Some of the best memories of my life come from the mountains around Yellowstone Park, thus I earned the nickname “Montana Mosby.”

In the fall of 1987, I met my future wife Inga Schatkoski, from Swift Current, Saskatchewan,

who was at the time working in Camrose, Alberta. We were married October 27, 1990 and are currently building our life on our farm in Bardo. Inga is employed by the town of Tofield as an Administrative Secretary. We are enjoying our life in the Bardo community and appreciate our many good neighbors, friends and family.



Barry and Inga Mosby.

Ivy (Mosby) Wyllie

Ivy was born in April, 1956 in the Tofield Hospital. She graduated from the Tofield High School in 1974. Ivy enjoyed all sports and was a member of the girls' volleyball, softball, and basketball teams. She attended Bardo Sunday School and was confirmed in the Bardo Church.

Her first job was waitressing at "Charlie's Place" where she made enough money to buy her first car. Then she went on to be assistant librarian at the Vegreville High School. She also coached Girls' High School basketball while in Vegreville. Ivy has worked many years for Alberta Government Telephones in Vegreville and at present is enjoying living and working on an elk farm in Hardisty, Alberta.

Ivy has two boys – Bryan (b. 1982) and Tony (b. 1984). They are both involved in hockey which keeps their Mum busy.



Ivy (Mosby) Wyllie. Bryan, Ivy, Tony.

Nels S. Mosland

Nels Mosland homesteaded west of the Bardo Settlement, NW 1/4-28-49-19-W4 in 1894. He was a charter member of the Norden (Bardo) Norwegian Lutheran Church in 1895.

Mr. Mosland was a staunch supporter of the Church and the work of the Ladies Aid.

He is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Myers, Robert and Laura

(by Vivian (Myers) Murray)

The Bob Myers family lived on the Halvar Haugen homestead, NW 1/4-12-50-19-W4, later known as the Kindley place, during the late 1920's, early 1930's.



Standing: Orville Myers, Elsie Myers, Marguerite (Moos) Myers (wife of Melvin Myers), Lottie Moos, Laura Myers (wife of Robert Myers). Sitting: Melvin Myers holding son Vernon (Bud) and daughter Vivian, Matie Moos.

The children were: Melvin (married Margurete Moos), Morley, Arthur, Orville and Elsie. Elsie was nine years old when she attended the Anderson (Bardo) School in 1930.

The family later moved to a farm in the Lakeshore District, north of Tofield on the Creamery road.

Myhre, John and Elin

Submitted by Mary Finseth (with permission from Alfie Myhre)

In 1926, John, Elin and their three children, Evelyn, Esther and Harry, left Rjukan, Norway, for the land of opportunity.

In May that year they arrived in the Bardo district at the John Anderson farm (where Ivan Foshaug now lives – 1993). Elin kept house and cooked for John in exchange for a home for their family. John cut brush for a few pennies a day. The highest pay was a dollar an acre, but instead of taking money he worked in exchange for their first horse and cow.

Sometime later they left the John Anderson farm with their three children. They also brought a wooden crate (called a “kasse”), which held their belongings from Norway, Elin’s old Singer sewing machine and her fancy work. From here they moved to the Kingman area and in 1929 they were able to secure their own land in the Miquelon district, six and a half miles northwest of Kingman. Now they were able to build their own home, but times were very difficult and they endured many hardships too.

Their family grew with the arrival of Mabel, Floyd and Oliver. In 1936, twins Gunner and Ruth were born, but both passed away shortly after birth. John had no money for coffins so Thomas Rogness made small, white coffins out of apple boxes for the burial of the twins.

In 1939, their youngest son Alf was born in Mrs. Gray’s Nursing Home in Tofield. Shortly after this, Elin became ill with cancer. She had surgery in May of 1943, and passed away in October at the young age of 44 years.

All the children attended Miquelon School which was two and a half miles away. When the older children started school, they couldn’t speak English so some of the other pupils who knew the Scandinavian language would translate for them. One of their teachers was Hazel Hillerud (Patterson). She could understand Norwegian so that helped them out a great deal. The School Christmas Program was a big event for everyone.

Christmas Eve was a special time for the family

when John would go out and cut a fresh spruce tree – the aroma of this will always be remembered. Elin would decorate the tree; in those days they used candles. While she lit these, the children would march around the tree and sing, “Nu Tender Moder Alle Lys” and “Stille Nat, Hellige Nat”. There was always a gift for everyone, no matter how scarce money was in those days.

In 1949, the family entered Alfie in the Search for Talent Show as a violin player. He was the winner and became very well-known for his talented “fiddling”.

After Elin’s death, John continued farming with Floyd, Oliver, and Alfie at home. In 1957, John had an auction sale and sold the farm. He moved to Edmonton and became a caretaker at the Administration Building. He retired in 1961 and moved to Devon where he passed away in 1964.

Radio Station C.F.R.N., who had sponsored the Search for Talent Show, gave Alfie the opportunity to take eight months of classical violin music, for which they paid half of the fees. Now he is self-employed in the music profession, and has his own store in Edmonton, called “Alfie Myhre’s Music”. He married Lydia Streich and they have three children. In 1993, they are living near Sherwood Park.



John and Elin Myhre family. Front: Esther, Mabel, Evelyn. Back: Alfie, Oliver, Floyd, Harry.

John and Evelyn Neggers

by John Neggers

John was born in Holland in a little town named Uden which is in the Province of North Brabant on December 15, 1944. Growing up in that time sometimes had its hardships. It didn't take too long before he made up his mind to look for greener pastures. After travelling around for a few years he ended up in Canada in August of 1968. He had his mind set on working his way across Canada, then to catch another boat in Vancouver. First he worked in Montreal with the hope of making enough money to reach Vancouver. But, winter came sooner than he thought and this forced him to move farther inland where he ended up at a little town called Hillsburg. Here he found employment as a cabinet maker and part time grave digger, until the soil became so frozen that it was impossible to get a spade in it. He was finally fired from his job. John soon hit the road again going from place to place. He arrived in Edmonton in the fall of 1969 and was employed as a cabinet maker again. This time he was determined to make enough money to reach Vancouver.



John and Evelyn Neggers, 1971.

In the middle of 1971, John met a "God sent" girl named Evelyn. She came from Ardrossan, Alberta and was born from German parents on April 30, 1954. On December 18, 1971 they were married. They lived in Edmonton for four years. They moved to Ardrossan where their daughter, Charlotte was born on January 11, 1977. From there they moved to Ryley where their son, Brett, was born September 26, 1978. After a few years,

John, Evelyn and family moved to Peter Munkedal's old place north of Ryley and John worked in the city. In time John became tired of commuting to work in Edmonton and decided to look for something local. He found work at Joe and Glenna Wideman's at Bardo and moved to the farm in 1981. They were nice people to work for and many good times were had together.

In 1984 John, Evelyn and family became members of the Salem Mennonite Church because it was very important to worship the Lord.

John and family lived at Joe and Glenna's until 1990 when he had to quit his job for health reasons. At the present time (1993) the family lives in Round Hill where they are a happy family and where the good Lord has richly blessed them.



John, Evelyn, Charlotte, and Brett Neggers.

Nelson, Ole and Ada

Mr. Ole Nelson homesteaded the NW 1/4-12-49-19-W4 in 1901. He married Ada Bailey in 1906. Five children were born to this family: Lorne, Ruth, Elsie, Marjorie (who married W. Wolf of Tofield), and Fred. The Nelsons sold their homestead to Mr. Levi Yoder in 1911 and moved to Round Hill.

Anton and Agnethe Nelson

by Arthur A. Nelson

Anton and Agnethe Nelson with daughter Hjordis, age seven, came from Hjovik, Norway to Canada in May of 1912. They came to the John Anderson place in Bardo and worked there until 1915. They then moved to LaGlace, Alberta to homestead.

In the summer of 1921 they moved to Rley, Alberta and bought land. Son, Arthur, was born in December, 1921. They lived on the farm until the fall of 1951 when they moved into Rley.

They later lived for some time in Edmonton and then in the Bethany Home in Camrose.

Anton passed away in the fall of 1966 and Agnethe in May of 1968.

Gunvald and Myrtle Nerland

Information Supplied by Myrtle Nerland

Gunvald John Nerland came to Kingman, Alberta, in 1923 from Stavanger, Norway. He stayed with a cousin of his mother, Klemet Hage for awhile. He worked for Tom Rorem until he bought a farm in 1928 at Bardo, south of Tofield. The land description was NE 1/4-2-50-19-W4.

His sister, Jovney, and husband, Rasmus Lastien, came from Stavanger to live with him. Lastiens had a family of six children: Emmy and Audrey were twins, Odde, Peter, Ruth – who died soon after they arrived – and Ingrid. In March of 1929, the Lastien family moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba.

While living in Bardo, Gunvald met and married Myrtle Logan. In 1945 they sold out and

bought a farm four miles west of Tofield. Gunvald did well on the farm. Myrtle helped to make it into a fine home. They both loved trees. She also loved flowers.

A change was made in 1970. The farm was sold and they moved into Tofield where Gunvald passed away March 4, 1978. He was cremated and buried in the Tofield Cemetery.

In November of 1972, Myrtle helped Bertha Phillips to form the Tofield Seniors' Golden Club. She became an active member, especially in helping to arrange tours. They travelled to Eastern Canada by bus. A later Eastern tour was organized travelling by plane to Toronto and continuing on by bus all the way to New Foundland. On the return trip they travelled into the U.S.A., then back to Toronto and home by plane. Tours were taken into the U.S.A., Yellowknife, Yukon, Alaska, into British Columbia several times and many places in Alberta. Myrtle still arranges day trips into Edmonton.

Myrtle has been a member of the Tofield Garden Club since 1977 and is still interested in it at the present time. She lives in her own home where budgie, "Jimmy", and pet dog, "Trixie" were well cared for. These pets no longer live. Myrtle is an active member of the Anglican Church.

Alette Johanna Ness

by Betsy Scott

Alette Johanna Ness was the mother of Mattis, Bert, John, Marta (Sundlie), Oleanna, Bertha and Nils Mathison. She was born January 6, 1842 and lived at Aspenes (Malangen) near Tromso, Norway.



Mr. and Mrs. Gunvald Nerland – October, 1977.



Alette Ness (mother of Mattis Ness) and husband Bertel M. Berteussen.

The immigration to America had begun and Marta (Mr. and Mrs. Martinus Sundlie) and her family were among them. After the death of Alette's husband, (Bertel Mattias Berteussen), other family members left for U.S.A. and Canada. Alette and the remaining children immigrated later. Alette joined her daughter, Marta, (Mrs. Martinus Sundlie), who was living in Minnesota.

In the spring of 1905, Alette, Mr. and Mrs. Sundlie and their six children immigrated to Canada. They were met in Wetaskiwin by Bert Ness (Marta's brother) and taken to the home of Mattis Ness in Bardo. The children had been exposed to diphtheria on the train. They contracted the disease and the first Nellie Sundlie and the first Betsy Ness died.

In the following years Alette shared her time between her three sons and one daughter who lived in Bardo, Ryley and Round Hill areas. Alette was very kind and helpful and often helped friends and neighbors when there was illness. It was when she was nursing in a neighbor's home that she caught a bad cold which developed into pneumonia. She never recovered and died January 7, 1907 at the age of 65 at the home of her son, Bert Ness, in Ryley.

It was a very cold winter with much snow that drifted and blocked the roads. When Alette's body was brought to the Bardo Cemetery for burial, it took four horses all day to plod through the heavy drifts, a distance of twelve miles. She was buried alongside her two young granddaughters, Nellie Sundlie and Betsy Ness.

Mattis and Inga Ness

by Gladys Severson

On March 31, 1901, Mattis Ness and Inga Foshaug and Inga's brother Johannes left Norway for a future in a new country. After docking at St. John, New Brunswick, they all took the train. My father, Mattis Ness went on to Minneapolis where his sister, Marta Sundlie, and brother, Bert Ness were already located. He worked in lumbering. My mother, went by train to Winnipeg, where she was met by her brother Magnus Foshaug. Mother sewed in a G.W.G. factory when she was in Winnipeg. Mother went to Minneapolis where she and Dad were married on November 11, 1901.

On April 1, 1902, Mother and Dad left Minneapolis to take a homestead in the Bardo district. Dad and Mother stayed at Asbjorn Moens until they got their first home built. Mrs. Moen was Mother's sister.

Dad's homestead was SE 24-49-19-4. From logs

hauled from the Miquelon Lake area, Dad built his first log house, 12 feet by 16 feet. As the family grew, additions to this house were added, first on the east side and later a kitchen was added on the west side of the log house. It was hard physical work for the pioneers. There were none of the many conveniences which we take for granted today.

After some years, my father bought the N1/2-13-49-19-4. At first, oxen were used to break the land. For years horses were used and then later the tractor came into use. There was much work for everyone, for as years went by, it became mixed farming. There were cows to be milked, chickens to be fed and eggs to be picked, as well as pigs to tend. There were few groceries bought as most



Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness family. Back Row: Gudrun, Margo, Alice, Gladys. Middle Row: Ingvald, Mrs. Inga Ness, Mr. Mattis Ness. Front Row: Muriel, Betsy, Esther, Sylvia.



Mervyn Ness and Marian Dahl with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness.

of the food needed was grown right on one's own farm.

Mother and Dad had a large family - 10 daughters and 1 son. Two daughters, Betsy, the eldest, and Alice, who was Esther's twin died in infancy. The nine children grew to adults and were married and lived in various locations.

Mother and Dad were life-long members of the Bardo Lutheran Church. Mother was a faithful member of the Ladies Aid. I am told, that in the early years, she would play her guitar and sing at Ladies Aid meetings.

My father served faithfully in the Bardo Congregation. He often represented the congregation at church conventions. He was also on the Board of the Camrose Lutheran College as well as the Grand Forks School District.

Mother and Dad were honest, hard-working, capable individuals. I grew up feeling very secure. They encouraged us and were a living example for all of us. I believe we were taught that it was essential to serve; to be considerate of others.

In Dad's later years he had heart problems. He was an avid reader and kept well informed, not only on the business of the church but also in the political world, as well as the sports world.

The last six weeks of Dad's life were spent in the Bethany Home and Hospital in Camrose. He died on January 29, 1959.

Mother came back to her home on the farm after Dad died and lived there until 1965. Both Mother and Dad stayed wonderfully alert right to the end. She remained strong in spite of the fact that her physical strength had lessened.

Renewal of Permit # 93871

No. 101474

N.B. THIS PERMIT SHOULD BE RETURNED PROMPTLY TO AGENT.

Permit to Cut Timber on Dominion Lands.

I, the undersigned Crown Timber Agent for the Edmonton District, by virtue of power vested in me by the Minister of the Interior, do hereby authorize Mr. M. B. Bards of Bards P.O., under the Dominion Timber Regulations as provided by Order in Council to cut and take for his own use, but not for the purpose of barter or sale, from 11/2 Section 24 Township 50 Range 20 of 4 Meridian the following timber: -
Four thousand feet B.M. (4000) Lumber

This Permit is issued in consideration of the sum of 25 Dollars, being Dues _____ and office fee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the fulfilment by the permittee of the following conditions: -

1st. That he shall make on the back hereof, before any person duly qualified to administer an oath, a sworn return of the timber taken by him from Dominion Lands, and forward the Permit to the Crown Timber Agent at Edmonton on or before the 1st day of May next.

2nd. That he shall restrict his cutting to the quantity and limits herein set forth.

3rd. That he shall conform to the conditions, terms, and requirements specified in this Permit, and also to the provisions of the Dominion Timber Regulations, any breach of which will subject the offender to all the pains and penalties in that behalf prescribed by the Dominion Lands Act.

Dated at Edmonton day of JAN 16 1908 1908

K. M. MacKenzie
Crown Timber Agent.

THIS PERMIT EXPIRES 1st MAY, 1908

NOTICE - This Permit becomes inoperative in the event of the land being homesteaded, purchased, or otherwise disposed of before the expiration of the term for which it is granted.

Mother and Dad both had a quiet but wonderfully strong faith in God. They lived their faith in their day to day life. Mother spent the last two and one-half years at Bethany Home and Hospital in Camrose. She was content and happy in the extra special care she received there. She died on October 27, 1967. Both Mother and Dad are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Harold and Gudrun (Ness) Ronning Family

by Gudrun Ronning

I was born in 1904 in the log house my father built on my parents' homestead. I am glad I had the rare experiences of a pioneer child and the benefits of a caring pioneer community.

I had a happy childhood. At 12 years of age I knew I wanted to both sing and teach. Big goals for a little farm girl with many siblings (8 sisters and 1 brother). I remember my mother for her kindness, patience, and practical psychology which kept the peace in our big family. Father was a strong man and worked hard. He changed the virgin land into a beautiful and productive farm.

Education was a priority with my parents. I took grades one through eight in the Grand Forks one room school. It was 1.5 miles south of my home, on the road to Round Hill. We usually walked. I attended Camrose Lutheran College for high school and then Camrose Normal School (teacher training). I got a scholarship to St. Olaf College at my high school graduation. To earn enough money to attend there I taught two years (1924-26) at Grand Forks School for a salary of \$100 a month, lived at home, and walked back and forth. I got my B.A. degree from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota in 1929.

I took a teaching job at Mound High School in Minnesota and later became the principal. During those years (1929-34) I studied voice and sang in Minneapolis. In 1934 I resigned as principal and married Harold G. Ronning. In those depression years a married woman could not hold a teaching job.

In 1936 Harold and I went to New York City. Harold got his Ph.D. at New York University and I concentrated on voice study and sang in the Riverside Church choir (a paid job). I also worked the Deaconess Hospital telephone switchboard for \$.40 an hour and paid a nickel to ride the subway. We did not have much money, but, we loved our years in New York.

1940, found us traveling across the continent to teaching positions at Pacific Lutheran

University, Tacoma, Washington. I taught voice and Harold taught religion, psychology, and education. We put down deep roots during the 13 years at PLU. Our son Nelius was born in 1941 and daughter Margaret in 1942.

In 1955 the family moved to Pasadena, California. Harold taught and then began his counseling practice. We lived in Pasadena and I taught 6th grade. I was in the same school for 15 years until retirement in 1970. I had the joy of a wonderful 6th grade chorus which performed for special occasions. I combined my two great loves - singing and teaching.

Harold died from a massive heart attack in 1974. I continue to live in our Pasadena home, walk and vocalize each day.

Son Nelius Ness Ronning, Ed.D. from USC is assistant principal of the Monrovia Adult School and lives in Sierra Madre, California. He is married to Nada (Lundring) Ronning and has two daughters: Desta and Rachel.

Daughter Margaret Gudrun (Ronning) Kemp, M.A., teaches kindergarten in Thousand Oaks, California, and likes to travel (China, Africa, Israel, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, etc.). She has two children: Ronald and Victoria.

I am grateful to God for his many blessings.

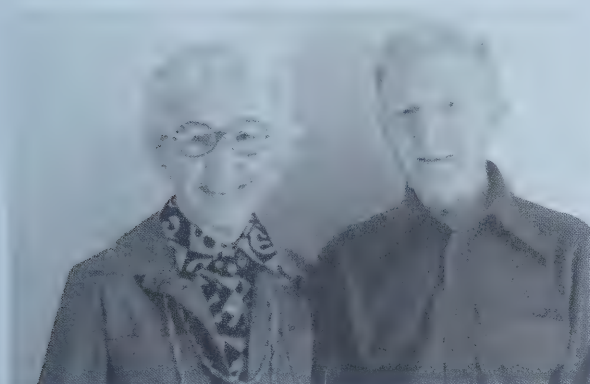


Harold and Gudrun Ronning, 1962. Back Row: Harold, Nelius. Front Row: Gudrun, Margaret Kemp.

Betsy Agnes Ness Scott

Betsy Agnes Ness Scott was born in Bardo on August 16, 1906 on the homestead her parents settled on in 1902.

Betsy got her education at Grand Forks school, Camrose, Lutheran College and the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. She took a teacher's course and taught at Anderson school for two years (1923-1925) and at Grand Forks school for two years (1926-1928). After completing her B.A. and the teacher's course at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, she taught at Victoria High School in Edmonton.



Betsy and Walter Scott.

In July 1939, Betsy married Walter Scott. Soon after their marriage the Second World War began and Walter enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. During the war years, they lived in various places where the R.C.A.F. was stationed. In 1945 they returned to Edmonton where they made their home.

Walter Scott died December 27, 1981. Betsy continues to live in Edmonton.

Ingvald and Gladys Ness

by Gladys Ness

Ingvald Ness of Bardo and Gladys Horte of Kingman were married July 7, 1934. They lived on the Ness farm in Bardo for nine years, where their two sons, Mervyn and Darrel, were born.

When Mervyn was about three years old he spent a lot of time next door with his Grandma Ness. One day as he was watching her make rosettes he got all the imperfects, and insisted that so many were no good. After his tummy was full and he was on his way out the door she heard him say, "Another one, another one."

Mervyn started school at Grand Forks before the family moved to Kingman in 1943. There,

Ingvald was the Alberta Wheat Pool agent for four years. Then he was hired on the Service Board for the County of Beaver. In 1949 they moved to the Ilo Soma farm which they purchased a year later.

The boys spent most of their childhood days in Kingman. Mervyn excelled in sports and won the "Athlete of the Day" award at the annual school track meet. Darrel was more interested in music. He sang at weddings, concerts and duets with his dad. He won third place for his solo at the A.C.T. Search for Talent in Edmonton. The family has many fond memories of family get-togethers at the Ness farm in Bardo, when they had sing-songs with Patty at the organ and Darrel on the piano or ukulele.

The boys took part in Luther League in Kingman. The family was active in the Salem Lutheran Congregation, where they were members, and in the Kingman Community. Mervyn and Darrel were confirmed in the Salem Lutheran Church. They both attended Camrose Lutheran College. Darrel continued University and graduated with a B.A. degree in sociology.

As time went on Mervyn spent several years in Tripoli, Lybia, with an oil company. He was transferred to Du Bai, United Arab Emirates. Mervyn and his wife Myra now reside in Houston, Texas, where he is employed in the oil industry.

Darrel and family settled in Edmonton where he was President of the Students' Union at the University of Alberta for several years. He moved to Camrose and was employed as Advertising Consultant with the **Camrose Canadian** newspaper. He returned to Edmonton where he worked with Unifarm until his passing from a massive heart attack on September 30, 1990 at age forty-nine.



Ingvald and Gladys Ness at Banff - 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Ingvald, one of the musical Ness family, loved music and with his singing talent was often called on to sing in quartettes, duets and solos at various functions, such as weddings, contatas, etc. He also sang with the Bardo Male Chorus, directed by Albin Anderson.

Ingvald worked hard providing a comfortable living for his family. After moving to Kingman he still farmed their land in Bardo. During harvest each year Ingvald and Lester Severson, who was a pleasure to work with, combined their crops together. Gladie and I took turns bringing hot meals to them in the field. I, unfortunately, provided the incidentals. One day on leaving the field I drove over and squashed a new five gallon pail of grease. Lester quickly covered it with newspapers to hide the damage. Next day, when Ingvald bought another one, the dealer couldn't understand how he had used so much grease in such a short time.

Another day I drove over the card table that I had set up in front of the car for the meal. Gladie and I also took the grain from the combine in a wagon which we pulled with a tractor. We became quite expert at loading the grain on the go. Those were busy but happy times.

Ingvald passed away suddenly in April, 1982. He was a wonderfully kind and caring father and husband. I am thankful to be part of the Ness family. They all show me much kindness and love.

I remained on the farm at Kingman until November, 1990 when I moved to Camrose. I now reside in a comfortable apartment at Parkview Place. My family now is son, Mervyn and wife Myra, six lovely granddaughters and eight delightful great-grandchildren.

Pat and Margot (Ness) Williams

by Gladys Severson

Margot Ingeborg, daughter of Mattis and Inga Ness, was born April 20, 1910. Margot took her first eight years of schooling in Grand Forks and took her high school at the Camrose Lutheran College. After finishing high school she went into nurse's training at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, and graduated in 1930.

Margot married Pat Williams of Edmonton in 1931. They have two grown sons, Dale and Jon who live in Calgary. Margo and Pat celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1980. They lived in their own condominium in Calgary until Margo died on May 12, 1988. Pat died on April 7, 1989.



Margot (Ness) and Pat Williams.

Ralph and Alice (Ness) Dahl

by Gladys Severson

Alice Pauline, daughter of Mattis and Inga Ness was born January 30, 1914. Alice took her public schooling in Grand Forks School and her high school at the Camrose Lutheran College. She took her teacher's training at the Camrose Normal School. Alice taught for four years at the Sifton School, seven miles south-west of Camrose. This school had Grades 1-9 inclusive, and had 44 pupils.

Alice was married to Ralph Dahl of Camrose on July 6, 1938. Ralph was the Cockshutt machinery dealer in Camrose, which he continued until he retired. Alice and Ralph had one daughter, Marion, who is married to Han Vanderleeden who is a professor at the Camrose Lutheran College. They have one daughter, Lissa Vanderleeden, who is attending University at the Camrose Lutheran College (Augustana University College).



Alice (Ness) and Ralph Dahl.

Alice was church organist at Messiah Lutheran church in Camrose for 17 years. Alice and Ralph were often heard at programs with Ralph singing and Alice, the accompanist. She spent many years doing oil paintings. These paintings hang in a number of homes and continue to bring pleasure to those who have them.

Alice and Ralph lived in their own home in Camrose until Ralph died on November 24, 1984. Ralph had suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for a number of years. Alice continued to live in her home after Ralph's death but then moved into Stoney Creek Lodge in Camrose. She got pneumonia and died very suddenly on March 5, 1988. Both Alice and Ralph are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Lester and Gladys Severson

by Gladys Severson

I, Gladys, was born to Mattis and Inga Ness on May 8, 1917. I went to school at Grand Forks for Grades 1-8. I took Grade 9 in Anderson (Bardo) School and then went to Camrose Lutheran College for Grades 10-12. I took my teachers training at Camrose Normal School.

Lester was the oldest child of Theodore and Mary Severson. He was born on the family farm north of Sedgewick, Alberta, on January 19, 1914. He took his public schooling at Sunlight School, north of Sedgewick. In the early 1930's he spent two years at the Vermillion School of Agriculture.

I graduated from the Camrose Normal School in 1936 and in the fall of 1936 my first year of teaching was at Sunlight School north of Sedgewick. It was here I met Lester Severson who was farming the home place for his mother.

Lester and I were married at the farm at Tofield, our old home, on July 6, 1940. After we were married, I taught another year at the Sunlight School.

On October 20, 1943, we moved to Tofield to take over the farming of my old home. Mother and Dad were living in the house they built in 1934. Lester and I lived in the Homestead house for the next twenty-five years.

Patricia was born December 11, 1943, and David was born January 4, 1948. Lester and I transferred to the Bardo Lutheran Congregation shortly after we moved and were happy to serve there. My main area of work was teaching the Adult Bible Classes in Sunday School. I also served in the Ladies Aid, which later became known as the E.L.W. in different capacities. We had a parish choir of about fifty voices consisting of members



Lester and Gladys Severson.

from Bardo, Kingman and Trondhjem. We learned a number of cantatas and not only did we sing them in our own local churches but we also rendered them in a number of other Lutheran Churches in the area. It was my privilege to be able to direct this choir and it was a wonderful experience.

For the last, almost twenty years, I have been on the staff of That Place (the local bookstore and coffee shop) in Tofield. This has been mostly a volunteer role and has been a tremendous blessing in my life. In the forty-five years that Lester was a member of the Bardo Congregation he served in various positions of leadership. Lester was the president for about fifteen years, treasurer for close to ten years, and also served as trustee and deacon. His leadership abilities were utilized in "soothing troubled waters".

Lester did not give his services to the church alone but was also very interested in the community. He served on the Grand Forks School Board until the school closed. He was also on the Board of the Bethany Home and Hospital in Camrose and on the Tofield Hospital Board. The Beaverhill Gas Co-op was formed in 1973 and

Lester was elected the first secretary of this organization. Later on the position of treasurer was included so he became the secretary-treasurer. He held this position until his death.

Lester was a good farmer and he enjoyed his work. We carried on a mixed farming operation. The first years milk cows were the main operation outside of grain farming. Later we changed the inside of the barn and started raising poultry. We had hatching eggs for a few years and at the last we raised broiler chickens. We worked together as a family.

After Mother died in 1967 we bought the farm and in 1968 we moved into the house that Mother and Dad had built in 1934. Lester and I had twenty years together living in this house enjoying the convenience of water from a tap.

In 1974 Lester had his first heart attack. Patty, our daughter, and Don and family were living in their own house on our farm and since the doctor said Lester would have to lessen his work load, we sold part of the farm to them. Lester recovered quite well but had another heart attack in 1980. By then we had sold the whole farm to Patty and Don and we just retained our house. We enjoyed wonderful years together.

In the years after we moved out of the Old Homestead house, Lester had the plan of having a family museum in this old house. He spent many happy hours putting this plan into effect. We had a number of very interesting and interested visitors – school children, friends, representatives from Glenbow Museum in Calgary and the Museum of Man in Winnipeg. We also enjoyed time spent with Jan Brunvand who included some of his visit in his book, **“Norwegian Settlers In Alberta.”**

On October 20, 1988 Lester died very suddenly at home. He was awaiting heart surgery at the time. I continued to live on the farm until August 1989 when I moved into an apartment in Tofield.

How grateful I am for the wonderful heritage I have. Christian parents, a wonderful Christian husband and companion, and a church which has always pointed us to the person of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for my children and grandchildren, for my sisters and brother and all my in-laws.

Lester and I were fortunate, for since we lived on the “Old Home Place,” our home continued to be a gathering place for my whole family. We enjoyed singing and just enjoying each other. I believe it was also a blessing to our children and nieces and nephews. I am very thankful for the Bardo Community and for the heritage that continues to pass on to each generation.

Litwin, Donald and Patricia

(by Pat Litwin)

I, Patricia Jean, was born in Camrose, Alberta on December 11, 1943 to Lester and Gladys Severson. Four years later my brother, David, was born. I grew up on a farm in the Bardo Community. This was the M.B. Ness farm which began its roots in 1902 when my Grandparents came from Norway.

I attended the Grand Forks School for Grades 1-6, the Anderson (Bardo) School for Grades 7-9 and the Tofield High School for Grades 10-12. In Grade 12, I fell madly in love with my school bus driver, Don Litwin. On October 27, 1962 Don and I were married in the Bardo Lutheran Church.

Don Litwin was born to Otto and Katie Litwin in Nokomis, Saskatchewan on June 27, 1934. At one year of age he moved with his parents and older brother Harold, to Vancouver, British Columbia. In 1940 he returned to Nokomis with his parents and brother, where his parents resumed farming and he started school.

In the late fall of 1949 his family moved to a farm in the community of Winterburn, Alberta, just a few miles west of Edmonton. From Edmonton he rode the bus to Stoney Plain Memorial High School where he completed his high school.



Don and Pat Litwin.

In the late fall of 1959 he moved again with his parents, his brother and family to a farm north of Tofield. In Tofield, he began to operate a school bus and one of his passengers was Pat Severson. They began to date and were engaged in June 1962 and married in October, 1962.

Our first home was a 28 foot trailer which was located on the east side of my parent's farm. Don continued to drive the school bus and I taught music lessons at home and some at Round Hill School.

On January 18, 1964, our son, Gregory Donald was born in the Tofield Hospital. On March 17, 1967, our daughter, Catherine Jean was born in the Tofield Hospital and then on October 20, 1970, Debra Jane, our second daughter was born in the Tofield Hospital. These three children have given us, as parents, many memorable moments while growing up. Each of them is unique and has been a blessing to us in many ways.

In the summer of 1964 we traded our trailer for a three-room house which was moved onto the farm. In the spring of 1965 we moved this little house with tractors across the fields to the N.W. corner of the same section. On this eighty acres of land, which was originally my parents, we built our first chicken barn. The following summer we built two more barns, one on the same corner where we lived and on ¼ mile east. Here we also moved a living house from Edmonton. This year we also built onto our three-room house.

From 1965 to the spring of 1974 we raised broilers, roasters, hatching eggs and turkey hatching eggs.

In 1974 we sold the Chicken Ranch to 'Wiens Enterprises', and bought my home farm from my parents. We built a new house on the farm and over the years we stayed involved in the chicken business by renovating the old barn. We were also involved in grain farming.

In the spring of 1991 we sold our farm to Phil and Anita Martin (Anita is Lars Rude's daughter.), bought a house in Tofield and moved to town. We are still involved in the poultry business.

At present, all our children are on their own; Debbie is in Edmonton working at the Workers Compensation Board. Cathy is in Edmonton – a nurse at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Greg was married on October 12, 1991 to Leanne Matthies from Slave Lake. They are living in the Lindbrook area, managing a turkey farm. Leanne is working in Edmonton at North West Trust.

We are very thankful to God for the many blessings we have received throughout the years.

Gregory Donald Litwin

I, Gregory, was born to Patty and Don Litwin on January 18, 1964. I am a Great-Grandson of Mattis and Inga Ness.

I learned to skate at the Grand Forks rink. Gordon Heiberg and I skated and played hockey in the winter, and ball in the summer. Gordon had a mechano set and an electric train so we spent many busy hours together.

I took my Public and High School in Tofield. When I was in Grade 1, I accidentally fell into a water puddle and got very wet. Mrs. Rurka, my teacher, remedied my dilemma and to my embarrassment, I had to sit in my underwear until my pants dried out.

I stayed in Tofield with Donnie Henricksen one night and his Mom took us to the movie, "Planet of the Apes". We thought it was pretty scary.

We always looked forward to the Bardo Sports Day. Gordon Heiberg and I chased after the foul balls and got 10 cents for each ball we found. We were so busy chasing balls that we didn't take time to eat. We went home with more money than we had when we came.

I started playing hockey in Tofield the year the arena was built. My Dad was one of the fathers who took us to the games when we played away from Tofield. The trunk was full of hockey equipment and the car was full of boys. I played goalie and dreaded the moment (if we won) when the team would pile on me in their jubilation. The highlight of my years in hockey was in 1981 when our Tofield Hockey team won the cup in the Alberta Provincial C Midget tournament.

After graduating from Grade 12 I took two years at SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) in Calgary in Broadcast Electronics. After graduating from SAIT I worked at Dresco.



Greg and Leanne Litwin.

Oil Fields in Edmonton for two years, and then I started working at J.C.J. Poultry farm at Lindbrook. In 1987 I became a partner in Poplar Ridge Turkey Farm at Lindbrook.

Leanne is the daughter of Edgar and Laureen Matthies of Slave Lake, Alberta. She took her education at Slave Lake and since 1985 she has been working at North West Trust in Edmonton. Leanne and I were married on October 12, 1991. We reside at Lindbrook where I continue in the Poultry and Turkey operation and Leanne continues working in Edmonton.

Catherine Jean Litwin

I, Cathy, was born to Patty and Don Litwin on March 17, 1967, in the Tofield General Hospital. I am a great-granddaughter of Mattis and Inga Ness.

I remember when I started Kindergarten, which was held at the United Church, in Tofield. When I started school my Mum and Dad walked with me to the gate to catch the school bus. It was quite a frightening experience for me to be going on this big school bus. I can remember wearing a blue plastic coat and black rubber boots and I carried an orange lunch kit that had stickers on it. My juice container had leaked, so my cookies were soggy at lunch time. I took Grades 1-12 at the Tofield School and graduated in 1985.

We always looked forward to the Bardo Sports Day. Cindy Rude and I were good friends and had good times together. Halloween was exciting and fun. Probably one of the best memories was putting the stuffed dummy on Calvin Lauber's mail box and managing not to get caught.

My special memory of the Sunday School Christmas Concert was when we walked around and around the Christmas tree while the adults sang the much loved song, "Jeg er saa Glad". We got a bag of oranges and butterscotch candies at the end of the program.

We had some wonderful family reunions with aunts, uncles and cousins. We always spent long periods singing together with someone accompanying on the ukelele or the piano.

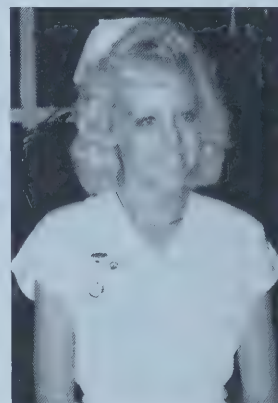
When I was in Grade 11 and 12, I was a tray girl at the Tofield Hospital, working there after school. We wore yellow uniforms. One special patient I remember was Herb McAdoo. One day when I had startled him and woke him up, he told me that he thought he was in Heaven and that I was an angel. (I think this was because of my uniform and very blonde hair.)

After graduating from Grade 12 I went into

the Nursing School at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton and graduated as an R.N. in 1988. From there I went to the University of Alberta and graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

At the present time I am working as a nurse in Adult Psychiatry at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. I also do some work with the Victoria Order of Nurses in "The People in Crisis" program.

Presently, I am a member of Central Baptist Church in Edmonton and I am actively involved in the leadership of the College and Careers Group.



Catherine Litwin.

Debra Jane Litwin

I, Debbie, am the youngest daughter of Patty and Don Litwin. I was born on October 20, 1970, in the Tofield General Hospital. I am a great-granddaughter of Mattis and Inga Ness.

I was nearly 4 years old when we sold our chicken farm and moved over to the farm where my Grandpa and Grandma Severson were living. I can remember the basement being dug for our house and the excitement when the house was brought in, in two halves and put together. I can remember helping my Mum pack things into boxes as we were getting ready to move.

I rode on the school bus when I went to Kindergarten and shared the front seat with Lorraine Lehman. My concern was "Who would help my dad, now that I too was in school?"

One of the jobs I enjoyed when I was helping my dad was getting ready for a new batch of baby chicks. We spread straw on the floor and helped wash the chicken waterers. We also made cardboard feeders that stood on the floor so these tiny chicks could reach their food.

Christmas was always special. The gift I remember most vividly was a rocking horse. Not

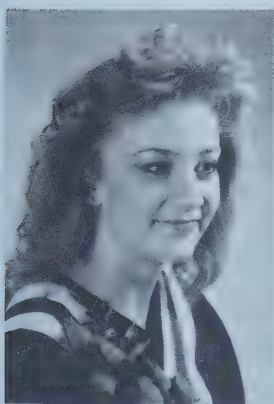
only did it rock, but there were also springs that would make it go up and down. I spent a lot of time on that horse. I also remember singing the Christmas carols together and then Grandpa would read the Christmas Story and pray. Then we got our presents from under the tree which I had often rearranged so that mine would be at the front and I wouldn't have to wait so long to get them.

The special memory of the Sunday School Christmas program was when we held hands and walked around the Christmas tree as the adults sang, "Jeg er saa Glad". One year we had a play where we were dressed to represent people from various countries. I was from Iceland in this play.

The Bardo Sports Day was always a fun day. One year Angie Rude and I rode our bikes to the community centre for the Sports Day. We got there earlier by going on our bikes.

In the winter we skated on the rink at Grand Forks.

I took Grades 1-12 in the Tofield School and graduated in 1988. In July 1988 I moved into Edmonton and enrolled in the medical secretary course at Grant MacEwan Community College. After I graduated from Grant MacEwan in June 1989, I worked for an ophthalmologist for one year. From there I was hired by the Worker's Compensation Board in the Vocational Rehabilitation Department and I am still working there.



Debra Litwin.

David, Anne, Amy and Sarah Severson by David Severson

David was born on January 4, 1948, in Camrose, Alberta. For all the time that he was in the Bardo Community, he lived with his parents (Lester and Gladys, and sister Patty) on the farm that his grandfather, Mattis Ness, had homesteaded in 1901. The fact that the farm was

"home" to the many Ness children with their families meant that there was a steady stream of visitors, particularly in the summer time. David attended Bardo Lutheran Church, of course. His Sunday School classmates were Walter Johnson, Robert Foshaug, and Linda Ericksen. Walter, Robert and David probably sang "We Three Kings Of Orient Are" at every Sunday School Christmas concert over a 10-12 year period.

Initially, David attended school at Grand Forks, where enrolment typically was about 20 pupils divided between five grades in the single classroom. Grand Forks was finally closed, and so for grade six, David was bussed to Anderson (Bardo) School, thus graduating from a single-room school to one with two classrooms! This, unfortunately, was the end of country schools in the County of Beaver, so David completed the rest of his schooling (Grades 7-12) at Tofield. For much of this time he was ably and expertly driven to Tofield on a school bus where the driver was the diminutive Petra Stauffer. Petra's achievement as a school bus driver is all the more notable when one remembers the state of the gravel (often mud) roads at the time. In later years, Petra was replaced as school bus driver by Don Litwin, but Patty will have described that event in much more detail in her history!

David showed no aptitude and even less inclination for farming, so in 1964, he began University at Camrose Lutheran Junior College. The total enrolment in the Junior College was only 92 students, and only one year of university instruction was offered. In addition to providing an excellent education, College also had another profound influence on David's life, for it was at Camrose College that he met Anne Thornton. Anne and David both transferred to the University of Alberta in Edmonton in 1965 to complete their undergraduate degrees, Anne in the Faculty of Education and David in the Faculty of Science (biochemistry).

Anne and David were married in Calgary on September 2, 1967; it seemed an appropriate centennial project! They both graduated with B.Ed. and B.Sc. degrees, respectively, in 1968, and after a short holiday in England, moved to Vancouver where David began his graduate training at the University of British Columbia, finally receiving his Ph.D. degree in Pharmacology in 1972. David and Anne then travelled to Bristol, England so that David could pursue post-doctoral studies in biochemistry for the next two years. During this time in England, an important event

took place; Amy was born on September 30, 1973, in a hospital that had been opened by Queen Victoria and that still had her pictures on the walls!

In the summer of 1974, David, Anne and Amy took a boat from London, England to Montreal, and then drove in their red VW camper van across Canada to Vancouver, stopping in Bardo to show off Amy of course, and then south to San Diego, California, where David worked at the University of California for two years.

In 1976, David, Anne and Amy returned to Canada; David had been offered a job as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. It was a pleasure to return to Alberta so as to be close to family once again. A son, Matthew, was born on May 7, 1977, but tragically, Matthew had multiple congenital anomalies and died in December of that year. Happily, a healthy daughter, Sarah, was born on March 7, 1980.

David has remained at the University of Calgary; his principal duties are to perform medical research in biochemistry and pharmacology. At present, he holds the rank of Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

Anne steadily increased her interest in art over a number of years, especially as a fabric artist who exhibited and taught widely in Alberta and Canada. She eventually returned to University in Calgary and obtained her B.A. degree in Art History in June of 1991. Currently, she is pursuing graduate studies in the Department of Art.

Amy graduated from Bishop Caroll High

School in June of 1991; at present she is living in Brazil as an exchange student for one year before she begins university. Sarah is an active 11 year-old in grade six at Banff Trail Elementary School. She, as did Amy, is receiving a bilingual (English-French) education.

Howard and Muriel (Ness) Irving

by James Irving

Muriel Evelyn Ness, born February 28, 1921, was the eighth of nine surviving children (two died as infants) of Mattis and Inga Ness. She took her first nine years of schooling at the Grand Forks and Bardo schools, near the family homestead, and then took a year of high school at the Camrose Lutheran College. Among her teachers at CLC was Dr. Chester Ronning (her oldest sister's brother-in-law) whom she had known since early childhood. She later recalled him as a talented raconteur who told her stories of the faraway places he visited and introduced her to opera, when she was very young, by singing to her from memory "Largo Al Factotum" from Rossini's "Barber of Seville." She retained a love of opera for the rest of her life.

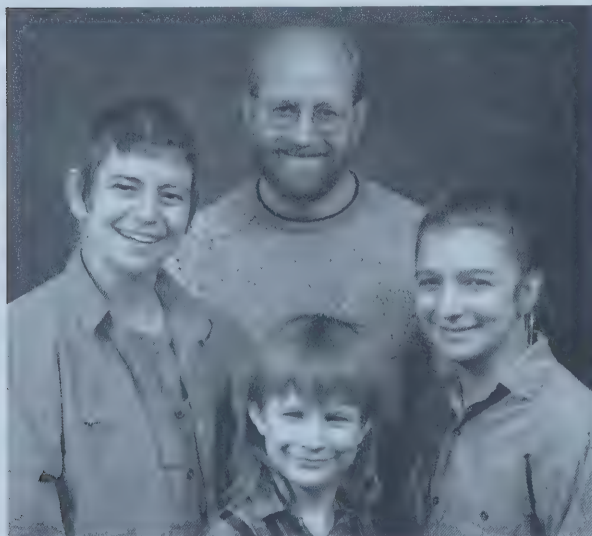
Her school days were not without adventure, such as the occasion when a cutter in which she was offered a ride by a neighbour, turned too short in the corner of the Stauffer's drive, and upset in the ditch. She was trapped in the cutter until Mr. Stauffer heard her call and came to the rescue.

She took her last two years of high school at the Strathcona High School in Edmonton in 1937-38. This was followed by one year at Normal School where she obtained her teaching certificate. She returned to the vicinity of her parent's homestead to teach at the Ingram and Meldahl schools. During part of this time, she boarded at a local farmer's home and travelled to school on cross-country skis. Her father would pick her up on weekends so she could be with her parents.

She enrolled in a three year nursing program at the University of Alberta School of Nursing, but her training was interrupted after her second year when she became ill. She was not able to complete her training.

In 1952 she married Howard Irving of Edmonton, a lawyer who later became a judge in 1985. She worked for several years at the Correspondence School Branch until her son James was born in 1957. Her daughter Margaret was born in 1959.

Muriel treasured her cultural background and pioneering heritage. Spending winter weekends



David and Anne Severson, Amy, Sarah.



Howard and Muriel (Ness) Irving, Jamie and Margaret.

with her husband and children at a log cabin cottage they kept south of Edmonton, meant heating with an open fireplace and cooking with a wood stove, until gas was brought in. She particularly enjoyed continuing the traditions of Scandinavian cooking such as skruller (krumkake), lutefisk, and rullepølse.

One of her favorite childhood memories was the festive atmosphere surrounding the occasions when the steam engine (referred to as a “rig”), with its operator (held in high esteem, because he had his “papers”), would come to her parents farm to thresh the grain.

Her daughter Margaret became a lawyer, first in private practice, and subsequently with the Federal Department of Justice. Margaret married David Rof of Edmonton in 1986 and had a daughter, Mary, in 1990 and a daughter, Katherine, in 1992.

Her son James became a professional engineer.

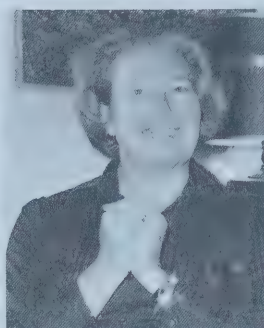
Muriel (Ness) Irving died in Edmonton on June 6, 1991. She was buried at the Bardo Cemetery, just a few miles north of the homestead where she was born, where her parents and many other family members were buried alongside the earliest pioneers of the area.

Garth and Sylvia (Ness) Evans by Annabel Ness Evans Coldeway

Sylvia Ness Evans was born on December 22nd, 1921. She was the eleventh and last child to be born into the family of Mattis and Inga Ness. She grew up in Bardo, on a farm that remained in the family until very recently. She went to grade school at Grand Forks and continued her schooling at Camrose Lutheran College.

Sylvia completed an undergraduate degree in Medical Laboratory Science at the University of Alberta in 1944. During that period she met a third-year dentistry student – Garth Cameron Evans – who would serve with the Canadian Dental Corps after his graduation until his retirement to private practice in 1974.

Sylvia and Garth were married on June 4, 1944, and began their family, the following year. They were transferred to various locations across Canada, including Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Ottawa and Barrie, Ontario. In 1960, the family, which by this time included four children, was posted to Europe for three years. A memorable experience for everyone.



Sylvia (Ness) Evans.



Sylvia's husband, Garth Evans.

The last Evans child, Marea, was born in Iserlohn, Germany. The family returned to Canada in 1963. Two years in Ottawa were followed by five more in Edmonton, where Sylvia's life changed dramatically. She went back to school in the Library Science program at the University of Alberta and graduated in 1969. Sylvia and her eldest daughter, Annabel, attended the University together that year. Sylvia became an accomplished specialist in medical search librarianship and when the family was once again transferred to Ottawa, she was employed by the prestigious National Science Library.

Sylvia's expertise in on-line computer search was so impressive that the Cameron Library at the University of Alberta lured her back to Edmonton in 1972 to help with the development of their computer search program. Sylvia remained with the library until her retirement in 1979. She loved her work there, and was especially helpful to young university students who were awed by the complexity of the system.

Sylvia Ness Evans was an elegant, dignified, brilliant, beautiful and compassionate woman, and a dedicated mother. She was extremely well-

read and encouraged this passion in all of her children. She was an accomplished musician and photographer. One of Sylvia's regrets was her lack of athletic prowess. She never learned to ride a bike or to swim. Because of this lack she saw in herself, she strove, with success, to ensure that each of her children acquired these skills. Her academic achievements were hard-earned and well-deserved. She encouraged her children to pursue educational advancement and provided them with material and non-material incentives to do so. This unfailing support is reflected in their many accomplishments. The Evans children are: Dr. Michael Blake Evans, MD.

Michael, and his wife Cynthia reside in Florida with their first child, Blake and a daughter born in 1993. Both Michael and Cynthia practice neurological medicine.

Dr. Annabel Ness Evans Coldeway, PhD. Annabel lives in Edmonton with her two children, Daniel and Lucas. She is a Professor of Psychology at Concordia College.

John Howard Evans, BEng. John resides in Edmonton with his wife Sandra and their three children, Ashley, Laura, and Garth. John is a professional engineer with Northwestern Utilities.

Dr. Mark Gordon Evans, MD. Mark lives in London, Ontario with his wife Tamara, and their daughter, Sylvia. Mark is in private and hospital practice as a pediatric surgeon.

Katherine Marea Evans Strong. Marea and her husband, David Strong, live in San Diego, where Marea has a flourishing career in the fashion industry.

Sylvia's husband, Garth, achieved the highest rank possible in the Canadian Dental Corps – Brigadier General. After his retirement from the corps he continued to practice dentistry for several years. General Evans lives in Edmonton where he continues to take an active interest in a variety of projects and the lives of his children and grandchildren.

Sylvia, the last child to be born to Mattis and Inga Ness, died on June 12, 1979.

Sylvia's husband, Garth Evans died suddenly from a stroke on June 1, 1992.

Berte Amalie Ness Langerud

(by Betsy Scott)

Berte Amalie Ness Langerude (the sister of Mattis Ness) was born September 16, 1880 at Aspenes (Malangen) near Tromso, Norway. She immigrated to Canada where she met and married Carl Thomas Langerud in 1907. They lived in the

Bardo area for a few years on their homestead NE 1/4-28-49-18-W4. They then moved to the United States.

Berte died January, 1951 and Carl died in December, 1931.

They had three children – Norman (born March 17, 1908; died November 23, 1992), Gladys (born April 5, 1913) and Selmer (born April 9, 1921). They lived in the Los Angeles area for many years.

Gladys continues to live at Torrence, California. Selmer and his wife, Myrtle spend most of the year farming at Ulen, Minnesota (a dream come true for Selmer). They spend part of the year (around Christmas) at their home in Torrence, California.

Oleanna Petrea Ness Olsen

by Betsy Scott

Oleanna Petrea Ness Olsen (the sister of Mattis Ness) was born May 23, 1886 at Aspenes (Malangen) near Tromso, Norway. She left Norway, came to Canada, married Adolph Olsen and then moved to Butte, Montana. They had two sons: Arthur, who was born in June, 1907, and died in 1940; and Alfred who was born on December 31, 1908 and died in May, 1988 in Moorpark, California.

Alfred had two sons: Robert Olsen, born January 2, 1939 and lives in California; and Donald, born June 20, 1941 and lives in Washington State.



Oleanna and Adolf Olson (Oleanna, sister of M.B. Ness.)

John and Ingrid Ness

by Gladys Severson

John Ness was born at Malangen, Norway on October 12, 1883. He immigrated to the United States in 1907 and came to Alberta in 1908.

Ingrid was born in Bardu, Norway, on May 22, 1886. She was the oldest daughter of Halvor and Gjertrud Haugen. They immigrated to the United States in 1893 and to Alberta in the summer of 1894.

John and Ingrid were married in 1915 and lived most of their married life in Alberta and a number of years in Bardo. John was an excellent plasterer and excelled in his trade for many years. They had a foster child, Jack, who was born in 1912. He attended the Anderson school while he lived with John and Ingrid.

John and Ingrid made their home in Camrose the last years of their lives. Ingrid died in November 1957. John died in June 1965. Ingrid and John are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.



John and Inger Ness.

The Sundlie Family

by Martha Lillo

This history is written by Martha (Sundlie) Lillo, on behalf of her parents, Martinus and (Marta Aspeness) Sundlie. Marta Aspeness was a sister to Mattis and Bert Ness and Nils Mathison.

Martinus was born in Orkendalen, near Trondheim, Norway, in 1866. He was left an orphan at the age of nine years. He went to live with an uncle who owned a bakery in Tromsø. Martinus learned the bakers' trade and became a professional pastry and bread maker.



Wedding of Martinus Sundlie and Marta Aspeness, sister of M.B. Ness.

Marta Aspeness was born in 1876 in Malangen, near Tromsø. She met Martinus while working in Tromsø. They were married in April, 1895. Three children were born to them while living there. Alfred, Borghild and the first Nellie.

In 1900 they immigrated to America. While living there they had three more children, Martin, Edna and Edward.

In 1905 they immigrated to Canada, then called the North West Territories. Mother's three brothers had already emigrated and taken up homesteads between Tofield and Wetaskiwin.

They travelled on an emigrant train which had what was called colonists emigration cars. The train was full of immigrants. A family with three children on board became ill. It was diagnosed as diphtheria. However, by this time everyone had been exposed to it. By the time the folks arrived in Wetaskiwin, the first Nellie was running a high fever. She had caught the dreaded disease.

Uncle Bert Ness came in a wagon to take them to Uncle Ness's place where they would stay until they could find a place of their own. A bed was made in the wagon for the sick little girl. The wagon was crowded with four adults and five children, plus groceries and bedding. It was the beginning of March, and the weather had turned warm. The creeks were running high. The roads which were mostly trails were rough and muddy.

When they reached the steep Pipestone Hill just west of Camrose, (now called Gwynn), they had to put bars across the back wheels of the wagon to prevent it from careening out of control. The family, excepting the sick little girl, got out and walked across the creek. After a long tedious journey they arrived at Mattis Ness'. Nellie became worse. Dr. Tofield was called, but he could not help her as she had been ill too long. She passed away the latter part of April at the age of six.

Mother prepared the body for burial. She was placed in a home made coffin and taken to the Bardo cemetery in a wagon, with just a few relatives attending as the disease was so contagious.

This was a very sad beginning for the folks. They also felt so very bad to think they had brought the disease into the Ness family, as their young daughter, the first Betsy contacted the disease and died shortly after Nellie was buried.

The Ness home was too small to accommodate two families. Beds had to be made on the floor. There were seven children sick at the same time. The Ness home was to be only temporary until the folks could find another place to live.

Later in the summer a small house became available on Steen's place, a short distance from Ness's. The folks moved there with their family of five. I consisted of one room downstairs, and



House Sundlie's moved into in Bardo, accommodating two adults and five children. Martha Lillo and son Vic (1986).

a room with a low ceiling upstairs, reached by a ladder. They lived in these cramped quarters about a year.

(Footnote). This house came up for sale in 1957, so I, Martha (Sundlie) Lillo, bought it for sentimental reasons and had it moved to the Lillo farm west of Ryley. New siding has been put on and painted, and a few renovations made. It is now, 1993, being used as a retreat from the busy city life.

As soon as the folks were settled, Dad started looking for a homestead. He located one, five miles south of Ryley. A house had to be built, so Dad and Mother's brothers and some neighbors drove to the Beaver Hills and cut logs. When they had enough for a two story house, they were taken to the homestead and erected. There were no doors or windows in the house yet, but the folks were anxious to get into their own place, as it was now over a year since they had come to Canada. In the spring of 1906 they moved from Bardo to their own place where they lived for 33 years. Three children were born there. The second Nellie in February of 1907, Martha, born in 1909, and Clara in 1912.

During the first years they lived on rabbits in the winter time, and ducks and prairie chickens in the summer, with a lot of berries picked throughout the country.

There were good times and hard times. In all we were a happy family with a lot of music and song. In 1938, Martinus and Marta Sundlie retired from the farm and moved to Ryley.

Martinus passed away December 31, 1943, age 77 years. Marta passed away March 28, 1950, age 74 years. Alfred passed away June 22, 1963, at 68 years. Borghild passed away May 9, 1985, age 88 years. Edward passed away August 25, 1986, age 81 years.

Martin Sundlie died January 4, 1994.



The Martinus Sundlie family. Alfred, Borghild, Martin, Edna, Edward, Nellie, Martha, Clara.

Ken Neufeld and Family

by Ken Neufeld

After growing up in the Shonts area, about four miles from Bardo, I moved to Edmonton, after finishing school, to work. In 1967 I married Louise Janzen from the Bardo area, and we continued to live in Edmonton until 1979. We had two girls born in Edmonton – Connie, born in 1967, and Stacy, born in 1970.

In 1979, we bought an 80 acre parcel of land from Louise's father and built a house. Both girls attended school in Tofield, and I commuted to Edmonton to continue working as a truck driver for Gulf Oil Limited. I also farmed my 80 acres of land (approximately 60 acres was cultivated at that time). This land was originally homesteaded in the 1890's.

In 1982, a tragic car accident in Edmonton took the lives of my wife and eldest daughter Connie. Being left to be both parents to my 11 year old daughter proved to be quite challenging at times, but we had lots of family and community support and we managed well.

I continued to work in Edmonton, and our lives took on a bit of a change in 1984 when I met a Newfoundland girl (Glenys (Lester) Gushue) who was also widowed around the same time I was. She also had a daughter – three and one-half year old Heather. Fate and nature took its part, and although I never had previous thoughts of re-marrying, the wedding bells were ringing in a simple family wedding at our house on May 11, 1985.

Life has gone on quite well since then. We have done a lot of cleaning up of this old homestead



Ken Neufeld family. Stacy, Glenys, Ken, Heather.

site, and, over the years, we have removed all the buildings that were here except the old house, which has a date of 1892 inscribed on the kitchen doorway. The original dove-tail log house is still underneath, although there have been a few additions added on afterwards.

Our family is growing up – Stacy is completing her degree in business this spring at the University of Alberta. Her plans for the future include entering law school in September 1992. Heather is in grade six this year at Tofield School. Glenys is a stay-at-home wife and mother, and is involved in various volunteer community work, and I just celebrated my 25th. anniversary with Petro-Canada (who bought out Gulf Oil in the mid 80's).

Life goes on at the Neufeld farm site – I still work the land and plant cereal crops every year. At present, we are not planning on going into full time farming, but who knows what the future will hold for any of us!!

Simon and Mary Nordhus

In 1903 Simon and Mary Nordhus, with their children Theresa and Raymond and their foster-child Axel Kindley, immigrated to the Bardo district from Marshall County, Minnesota. The family homesteaded on the farm now owned by Bjarne and Alberta Erickson. The children attended the Anderson (Bardo) School when they could, but in those days the work at home had



Simon and Mary Nordhus. Back Row: Theresa, Raymond, Axel Kindley. Front Row: Simon and Mary.

to come first. Simon was in ill-health because of a back injury. Simon was born August 12, 1858 and he died August 7, 1917.

Mary was the only grandmother that Axel's children knew. They fondly remember her gentle ways and her strong faith and love of God. They always looked forward to sampling her Norwegian baking and listening to her wonderful stories. She enjoyed hunting for birds eggs with the children, and even carried a ladder so that they could reach the nests. She often knit while she walked to visit her friends and family. Mary Nordhus was born October 16, 1858 and she died November 24, 1937. Simon and Mary are buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Theresa Constance Nordhus was born December 20, 1888. She married Wesley Ingram, who was farming the land just to the south of the Nordhus farm. They later settled in Tofield where Wes had a livery barn. In 1917 they moved to a farm one mile north of the Farmington school. They farmed for a number of years and then moved to Victoria in 1928. Wesley Ingram was born December 11, 1876 and he died on December 24, 1969 at the age of 93.

Theresa continued to reside in Victoria, a place that she dearly loved, until her death on February 8, 1980 at the age of 92.

Wesley and Theresa are buried in the Tofield Cemetery.

Raymond Nordhus was born December 14, 1889. He married Borghild Haakstad in 1931 and farmed the home farm for a number of years. Later they moved to the Vancouver area where they bought a fishing boat and made their living from



Borghild and Raymond Nordhus.

the sea. They lived at Langley, Clearbrook, Abbotsford and Oliver, British Columbia.

Raymond loved to work with wood and made many beautiful pieces of furniture, trays, wall hangings, doll cribs and cupboards as well as some of the homes in which they lived. Raymond died in Oliver, B.C., in 1986 at the age of 97 years and is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Borghild was born in Norway, January 22, 1903. She also made good use of her spare time. She was always working on quilts, cushions, afghans, doilies, sweaters, etc. She loved to bake and always had a supply of goodies for visitors.

She now resides in a Senior Citizens Lodge in Oliver, B.C. and everyone that knows her "loves Borghild."

Axel married Nita Hanson on December 20, 1923, and farmed in the Bardo - Tofield area until their retirement in 1966. (See the Kindley history.)



August, 1958. Axel Kindley, Theresa (Nordhus) Ingram, Raymond Nordhus, Borghild and Mikal Erickson.

Johan (John) K. and Ingrid Olson and family

Johan (John) Olson was born June 8, 1863 in Norway. He immigrated to Canada in 1903 and homesteaded SW-16-49-18-W4, one mile south of the Mennonite Church.

John's wife, Ingrid, was born October 8, 1875. She arrived in Canada in 1904 with three small children; Helge, Signey and Ole. Four more children were born into the family in Canada, two of which died very young.

Helge, was born September 20, 1897 and died in March, 1968. Signey married Hans Neraasen and lived in the Ryley area. She died August 10, 1982. Ole was born May 25, 1903 in Norway and died October 21, 1979. Gertrude, born in 1905,

married Ernest Ware and lived in California. The youngest, Irene, was born on April 19, 1915, married Maurice Hoflin and lives in Surrey, B.C.

Mr. Olson passed away March 26, 1938 and Mrs. Olson died on July 3, 1956.

The Parker and Lewis Family

by Hazel (Parker) Moen

William E. Parker, born 1881, and Ada Nickerson, born 1888 were married in Gladbrook, Iowa in 1905. In April, 1907, they moved by train to Tofield, Alberta, and to an unimproved farm in the Bardo area. This was C.P.R. land which was purchased by Mr. Ole Steen of Byron, Minnesota, in 1901. This became known as the "Parker Place." Ada had just turned eighteen years old and had always lived in town until that time. They had one child, Hazel Marjorie, who was four months old.

They eventually had six sons. Herbert was born in 1908. Raymond deceased at nine months, Leonard was born in 1914 – the year the First World War started. Vernon was born in 1916 and William in 1928 in Gresham, Oregon. Only two of the boys are living (1992) Herbert, the oldest, and William, the youngest. Both reside in Portland, Oregon.

The Parker farm joined the Asbjorn Moen farm to the north and the Lewis farm to the south. William Parker's sister, Edith, and husband, Frank Lewis travelled with the Parkers from Iowa. Both families were of Irish descent. Edith and William's father was one of sixteen children, all born in Ireland.

Edith and Frank Lewis had four sons. Allen and Hildreth were born in Iowa and accompanied their parents to Canada. Harmon was born in 1908 and William in 1912, both on the farm. The only one living of the Lewis family is William. He lives in the Gresham, Oregon area.

William and Ada decided to quit farming in the fall of 1927. They sold their farm and moved to Gresham, Oregon which is about twelve miles east of Portland.

William died in 1949 and Ada in 1981 at the age of ninety-two years. They were very active in the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Pederson

by Agnes Matson

Chris Pederson's parents came from Norway and settled in Minnesota in the late 1870's. His wife, Thea, was born near Vining, Minnesota, one of a large family. Chris Pederson was born near Leif Mountain, Minnesota, one of three.

Chris and Thea were married in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1907. From there they moved to Hampdon, North Dakota. Gladys was born in 1908, Clifford in 1911, and Ervin in 1913. In the fall of 1923 they sold out and moved to California where they spent three years.

The spring of 1926 they returned to Alberta to visit Thea's two brothers and sisters in the Camrose/Kingman area; then on to Lessard to visit another sister, Mrs. Iverson.

They returned to Kingman where Ervin attended school in grade six, which he found very different from California's teaching.

That winter they lived above the old dance hall and store on the north side of the street. This building burnt down a year or so later. Chris built a small house in Kingman right where the hall was later built. This house was put on wheels and moved out to the land bought four miles east of town S1/2-13-49-19-W4. That winter Ervin attended school at Grand Forks. His teacher was Miss Betsy Ness.

Then the "thirties" hit; wheat went down to eighteen cents a bushel. Chris Pederson rented his land to John Matson and they returned to Lessard. They stayed with Edwin and Elna Tollefson until their own house was built.

Chris then traded his land near Kingman to Mr. John Matson for the land John owned in Lessard. They later filed on a homestead at Crane Lake and moved there to be near a sawmill they operated.

They remembered the hard times in those years – but there were good times as well, ball games, lots of good fishing, dancing, etc.

In 1932 Gladys married Percy Sollett of Edmonton. They had three children – Wayne, Bud and Judy. Percy passed away in 1966. Gladys remarried and is now Gladys Keyes. She now resides in Vancouver and is still in good health at the age of 84.

Clifford was very handy. He built good sawmills and sawed and planed a lot of lumber. He passed away in 1964. Clifford never married.

In January, 1940, Erwin married Rosella Lenard of Bonnyville. They lived at Crane Lake until his passing in May, 1981. They had five children, namely Eleanor, Shirley, Donna and Kevin. They lost their youngest daughter, Joan, in 1957.

Chris Pederson passed away in 1956, at the age of 79. Thea passed away at the age of 83, in 1968. Both are buried in the Lessard Cemetery.

George and Helen Peters

George was born on September 16, 1948 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Peters of Warman, Saskatchewan. They owned a dairy farm where George grew up and worked with his parents. He attended school in the town of Warman, three miles from home.

Helen was born September 12, 1951 in the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fehr. They owned a farm and had a mixed farming operation. Helen attended the Reinfeld School in the country, about one-quarter mile from home in the Hague community.

After completing her schooling, Helen worked as a "cook's helper" when the road was constructed through the community. She also worked as "cleaning lady" in the Nursing Home at Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

George and Helen met in the summer of 1969. Both were baptized in June of 1970 and were married June 20, 1970. They worked on a dairy farm at Osler, Saskatchewan, about one and one-half years. During this time a son, Gerald, was born on June 21, 1971. They moved to Kirriemuir, a small community south of Provost, Alberta, where their daughter, Georgette, was born on July 24, 1974.

In 1975 they worked on a feed lot at Bashaw, Alberta, then moved to Thorsby, Alberta in June, 1976 where they worked on a poultry farm. The operation consisted of raising the flock and shipping eggs for commercial use.

The next move was to Tofield, Alberta in May of 1980 where they worked for JCJ Poultry Farm approximately nine years. Their next home, for about one and one-half years, was a Poultry Breeders farm at Edberg, Alberta, where hatching eggs were produced and sent to the Co-op



Gerald, Helen and George Peters, Georgette.

Hatchery in Edmonton. Two years were then spent on a dairy farm at Stony Plain where George was employed to work the fields and do relief milking every second weekend.

In December, 1992, the move was made back to Tofield where they live in the Bardo District and work for Wiens Enterprises Ltd. This is a poultry farm where broilers are raised. It is owned and operated by Vic and Esther Wiens.

George and Helen's son, Gerald, graduated from Tofield High School in 1989. He lives and works in Edmonton. Their daughter, Georgette, graduated from Stony Plain Memorial High School in 1993. She spent one month in Mission work in Guatemala and Nicaragua in the summer of 1993.

The family has enjoyed camping during the holidays and watching NHL Hockey both live and on T.V. Helen has worked at "That Place", the Christian Book Store and Coffee Shop in Tofield as part of her community involvement.

Ejvind and Vicky Poulsen

by Vicky Poulsen

Ejvind Sondergaard Poulsen was born on October 24, 1964, in Aadum, Denmark, to parents, Svend and Agnes. They were born in 1936 and 1939 respectively and were married in 1961. The family consists of a brother, Bjarne, b. in 1962, sister, Laila, b. in 1972. She was married in 1991. Her spouse's name is also Martin. There is another brother, Martin who was born in 1972. Svend and Agnes are dairy farmers in Denmark.

Ejvind immigrated to Canada in 1988 where he met his future wife, Vicky Burke. She was born on July 30, 1965 in Calgary, Alberta. Her parents, Harvey, b. 1944, and Marily, b. in 1945, were married in 1961. Vicky has a sister, Diane, b. 1962, and two brothers, Steve, b. 1964, and Gary, b. 1966. Diane married Kevin in 1988 and Steve married Cori in 1985.

Ejvind and Vicky were married on February 10, 1990 at Clive, Alberta. They moved to Tofield, Alberta, in March of 1991 from a farm near Lacombe, Alberta. At Westview Farms, Tofield, Alberta, Ejvind is dairy manager for the Weber family.

Ejvind and Vicky have two children. Trent Curtis Sondergaard Poulsen was born November 8, 1990. His second middle name is the same as Ejvind's, his grandfather's and great-grandfather's. The name means "Southern Farm." Their second child was born on December 21, 1991. Her name is Heidi Lynn Poulsen.



Vicky and Ejvind Poulson, Heidi and Trent.

Lewis and Tillie Qualley (by the Key Family)

Lumbering in the State of Washington went from bad to worse in the winter of 1900-01, and Lewis Qualley journeyed to Bardo to take up land. On April 12, 1901, he filed on NE 12-49-19-W4, and was granted title on November 12, 1904.

His wife, Tillie (Larson) and two small children, George and Florence, followed by train. The parents of both Lewis and Tillie had emigrated from Norway in the 1850's, stopping in northern Iowa, and then in the late 1880's both families moved westward to Stanwood, Washington.

One of the first concerns at Bardo was schooling for the children of the district. On September 8th, 1902, Grand Forks School District #737, of the Northwest Territories was formed. Lewis and Tillie were chairman and secretary, respectively. On April 6th, 1903, a plebiscite was held at Qualley's house to vote on raising \$500 to build the Grand Forks School. George Stevens won the labour bid to erect the school-for the sum of \$100.

The Qualley family left Bardo in 1906 or 1907 - sold the homestead and went south to



George and Florence Qualley.

Hughenden to homestead once again. Later on, Clarence Rude went down to visit with the thoughts of moving there also, but said later that he thought the land was better at home, and so he didn't make the move.

In about the year 1909, the family moved west to Killam to operate (and we believe, build) the Florence Hotel in that town, in partnership with George Stevens of Bardo. In 1913, due to Tillie's failing health, they sold their interest in the hotel and moved back to the farm at Hughenden. Tillie passed away shortly after the move.



Ernest and Florence Key and family, 1942. Back Row: Wally, Phyllis, Dan, Norma, Lester. Middle Row: Eileen, Gerald, Opal. Front Row: Florence, Ernest.

At about this time, son George Qualley married Marie Haugen of Bardo and they took up a homestead near Lewis's Hughenden farm. Years later, when George passed away from a heart defect (in 1948) Marie moved to Camrose where she lived comfortably until her passing in 1966.

Florence Qualley, our mother, married a homesteader neighbor, Ernest Key in 1914. They spent five years at Chinook, 80 miles to the south, then moved back to Hughenden and farmed the Lewis Qualley farm for five years. Ern Key then worked for the Searle Grain Co. for the next thirty-three years at Hughenden. Florence passed away in 1944, Ernest in 1972. They raised a family of eight—Dan, Lester, Norma, Phyllis, Wallace, Doreen, Eileen, and Gerald.



Lewis Qualley and second wife, Lena (Simonson).

Years after Tillie had passed away in 1913, Lewis married Mrs. Lena Simonson, an early Bardo pioneer. We have fond memories of 'Grandma' Qualley, and it is only since her passing that we have learned what a remarkable woman she was in raising two families, as a widow in those early days at Bardo. She passed away in 1956 at Camrose. Lewis had passed away in Hughenden, where they were living, in 1935.

Jacob and Sarah Riediger Family by Hilda Dueck

It was April 2, 1952, when the names of Linda, Alfred and Hilda Riediger were added to the Anderson School register. The humour of April Fool's Day, just passed, greeted them as they walked into the room. All the students' desks jauntily faced the windows along the west wall of the room, instead of facing the front, like in a "normal" classroom. This was no ordinary place. That was clear from the start.

Three pre-school children, Marilyn, Lois, and Edwin, completed Jacob and Sarah Riediger's family at that time. No doubt, party lines were a-buzz with the news that a new family had moved into the "Ernie Yoder" place, on the north/south road between Loyal Kauffman's and Johnny Wideman's.

The family arrived at the end of March, in the midst of the spring thaw. There was water everywhere, completely covering the last half-mile of dirt road. It was dark when the caravan of trucks and cars finally churned into the yard of the Riediger's new home.

For Jacob and Sarah Bergen Riediger, moving was not altogether a new experience. Sarah, a second generation Canadian, born near Didsbury, Alberta, on June 18, 1914, had experienced many moves. Before the age of twelve, she had already moved to various places in Alberta and Saskatchewan and had also lived in Mexico. Back in Alberta, further moves took Sarah's family to Didsbury, Namaka, and finally to Vauxhall.

With all the moves, Sarah's education was often suspended, but she was able to make up several grades per year and in this way completed grade eight. Later she attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible School in Gem, Alberta, for two years, and as time passed, completed correspondence courses in art, typing, piano, and Christian writing. One of her articles was published in the **Christian Life** magazine.

For Jacob, the journey began on another continent. Like Sarah, he was also a descendant of the Mennonites who had come from Russia via Prussia in search of religious freedom and land. While the Bergens traced their roots to the Frisian, von Bergens, and before that, according to legend, to Norwegian sailors by the name of Bergen, who deserted ship and married Dutch girls, the Riediger name had its origin in the territory once known as Alsace Lorraine, between France and Germany.

So when Jacob was born in Klinock, Russia, on Dec. 27, 1907 (Dec. 15 according to the then

used old Russian Calendar), he was a Russian citizen, but not of Russian ancestry. In the nearly nineteen years he lived in the closed Mennonite village of Klinock, the only move his family made was across the street to a stately new house with an attached barn – in the Russian Mennonite tradition.

Following the Russian Revolution and the famine of 1921, Jacob had the opportunity to complete his high school education and was offered a government scholarship to study medicine. He did not want to be indebted to, or controlled by the Communist government, so decided instead to take a summer course to become a teacher. He completed the course, but realizing that Communism posed a threat to the lives of any who would not embrace it, he strongly urged his father to flee Russia.

On July 7, 1926, Peter and Katarina Riediger and their extended family of eighteen, left their home, and spent everything that the Revolution had left them on tickets to Canada, their “land of freedom and promise.” Only for the twins, Jacob and Mary, did they have to take a “travel loan” offered them by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Just one day after they crossed over the Russian boarder, the secret police had a warrant out for the arrest of Peter Riediger.

In Canada, the family first settled in Stavely, Alberta, and several years later, moved to Vauxhall. Jacob farmed with his father for a time and then went to Coaldale to attend Bible School for two years before returning to Vauxhall to buy his own farm. In 1939, at the age of thirty-one, Jacob Riediger, married Sarah Bergen.

Nine years and four children later, Jacob and Sarah moved to Pincher Creek, Alberta. Their family now included: Linda (born in Coaldale); Alfred (born in Lethbridge); Hilda and Marilyn (both born in Taber, Alberta). By the time the Riedigers sold their Pincher Creek farm in 1952, Lois and Edwin had joined the growing family.

The Bardo Community, to which they moved, was, at that time, made up of English speaking Salem Mennonites and Lutherans, who had lived side by side for many years. It would take the newcomers, the only Mennonite Brethren family in the district, some time before they would feel as though they really belonged. For a long time, they were more closely connected to the German speaking Lindbrook M.B. congregation fourteen miles away.

At home, the Riedigers spoke Low German, but used High German for family devotions and

in church, so English was literally a third language for the older Riediger children, and a fifth for Jacob. This could sometimes cause problems. One day a neighbour heard Jacob use a new slang expression he had picked up. “Jake,” he said, “if you knew what that meant, you wouldn’t say it.” Jacob never used the word again.

There were other awkward moments. One Good Friday morning the Riediger family was ready to go to church when Jacob spotted a fire at John Wideman’s. He jumped into the car, suit and all, and raced down to the Wideman farm, grabbed what he thought was a fire extinguisher from his astonished neighbour’s hands, and frantically tried to douse the flames. It was with some embarrassment that he finally realized that Good Friday was not a church-going day for the Salem Mennonites and all Johnny was trying to do was burn a little grass.

The proper use of the “party-line” telephone also took a little getting used to. Spring rain had made the notoriously muddy country roads next to impassable, but somehow, Jacob managed to negotiate the mile and a half of mud, only to arrive at the school with his three children to find no one else there. Perplexed he called one of the teachers. “Oh, we only call a few people on the line when school is cancelled,” he was told, “we just expect that the rest will hear the news by listening in.”

On June 1, 1954, that same “party-line” kept the neighbours awake with its incessant ringing, but for some strange reason the Riedigers didn’t answer. It wasn’t until morning that Jacob’s growing concern for Sarah, who was in the hospital having a baby, caused him to investigate.



The Jacob Riediger family – April, 1964. Back Row: Marilyn, Linda, Alfred, Hilda, Lois. Middle Row: Joanne, Victor, Edwin, Walter. Front Row: Sarah, Jacob.

Firmly imbedded behind the bells of the telephone, was a wad of chewing gum, stuck there as an untimely experiment by one of the children. No sooner had the gum been removed when the phone rang and Jacob was given the exciting news: "You have twin boys, Mr. Riediger!" Walter and Victor had made their entrance as number seven and eight in the family.

Now the six room, two-storey house was bursting at the seams, and a large addition was built. One year later, on September 25, 1955, Joanne arrived to complete the family. Now there were nine children! A very big family by Bardo standards.

As the years passed, the Riedigers began to feel more at home in the community. Being invited to a neighbour's home for supper, or having neighbours in were occasions of great excitement, as was the invitation to attend Betty Kauffman's wedding reception at the Kauffman home.

Several of the Riediger children also attended Vacation Bible School at the Salem Church, thanks to the Kauffmans who provided transportation. When the question of wearing, or not wearing a "covering" came up in one Bible lesson, one young boy said to the visiting Riediger girl, "The ribbon you wear in your hair is your covering, isn't it?" For the rest of VBS that year, the ribbon was a regular accessory.

Sarah attended the Salem Ladies' Sewing Circle on a number of occasions and always came home with eyes sparkling and a spring in her step.

The eldest five children attended the Anderson School, and it is there that many memories and lasting friendships were made. Many were the noon-hours spent playing games of scrub softball, where everyone had a turn at all the positions; dare base, or pump-pump-pull-away. In the winter there was hockey, or time to skate hand-in-hand with a friend. Even the annual spring clean-up seemed like a game. Stones along the side-walk and around the flower beds were white-washed, and the playground raked.

Sometimes there were other kinds of games, not so much fun for some of the participants, like tying "Joan of Arc" to the flagpole, her back pressed against a protruding bolt, and leaving her there after the bell rang. Or winding up the long swing "all the way" and letting it's unfortunate little victim spin dizzily after the bell rang. At such times it was useful to have as an ally, an intrepid "big sister" in grade four, who would step into the flurry of feet and stop the torment.

Christmas concerts at the school were always

a work of art, and of great importance to the students. Who can forget the big grey elephant whose trunk went up and down, or drills like the Doll Drill, or the Flower Drill, with its little girls in white dresses, carrying crepe paper rose garlands made by the girls' mothers, or the play set against a backdrop of sunflowers with the face of a student smiling out of each centre. At least for those who participated, those memories have been treasured gifts, given by the teachers.

Many are the stories of school days in Bardo, including the "shenanigans" of some of the older students. According to one account, students disappeared, one by one, out the open window at the back of the room, onto the fire-escape roof, and into the sunshine of a summer's day, leaving the teacher speaking to an empty classroom. Another time, several students had decided to go rafting during school time, and it was a very frustrated teacher that stood on the bank of the creek, furiously ringing the bell, but to no avail.

It's entirely possible that the stories have grown and taken on a life of their own over the years, but that the teachers survived in those multi-grade classes is still a miracle. Teachers remembered are: Mrs. Hendrickson, Mr. Urchack, Mr. Roth, Mr. Ott, Mr. Gabert, Mrs. Stutzman, Mrs. Wideman, Mrs. Young, Miss Hargrove, and Mrs. Severson, who sometimes substituted.

For the most part, except when a cutter or bicycles were used, the mile and a half to the school was covered on foot, regardless of the weather. Naturally, the occasional ride on the back of the Kauffman horse-drawn buggy, was always a treat.

Music played an important part in the Riediger home. Saturday nights the children could often hear their father chording on the piano. At other times mother would play from the hymnbook. Many were the family sing-songs in four-part harmony. Father loved playing his violin, and when the younger children joined the Tofield School Band, other instruments made their appearance in the Riediger home as well. Three of the young Riediger sisters, Hilda, Marilyn, and Lois, sang a trio at the fund-raising concert for Phillip Andersons after their barn burned to the ground.

Music lessons were considered important, and no matter what, Sarah always managed to find the few dollars needed to pay for lessons for any of the children who showed an interest. Linda, Alfred, and Hilda all took piano lessons at one time or other from the local music teacher, Mrs. Bernice Heiberg. To get there, they had to walk a mile and quarter from the school to the Heiberg

place, and then it was nearly three miles home; a long walk on some winter days. Occasionally there were tears because of the bitter cold.

The passing of Hilda's classmate and friend, Marilyn Stauffer, in the summer of '57, after they had completed grade six, will always stand out for its suddenness and its sadness. Where there had been three girls in the class, all friends, now there were two. No doubt, the shared loss helped cement the friendship between the two remaining; Hilda and Lucille.

The Riediger family had its own losses. On June 12, 1964, Sarah Riediger lost her four-year battle with cancer. Joanne, the youngest, was eight. Many in the Bardo community shared the family's grief. Then, on January 13, 1975, on her sister Linda's birthday, Marilyn Riediger Gould passed away.

In 1977 Jacob retired to Tofield, and then to Coaldale, Alberta, where, at the age of eighty-four, he still serves the German-speaking part of the M.B. congregation, preaching regularly and teaching adult Sunday School classes. He continues his life-long occupation of writing poetry, having written about 160 poems, as well as several songs.



Jacob Riediger. Photographed by Cunningham Photographers.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE RIEDIGER CHILDREN

Linda Riediger Sukkau graduated from Tofield H.S., from Prairie Bible Institute, and from a lab. and X-ray technician course. She worked in several Alberta hospitals before she married George Sukkau of Sexsmith, AB in 1970. They live near Sexsmith, AB. Her husband works at the Canola Crushing Plant in Sexsmith. They have two children, Janice, presently a student at Prairie Bible College, and Darryl in grade 12. Linda is at present also engaged in a courageous fight against cancer. Linda attended Anderson School for the completion of grade four through grade ten. She caught her first glimpse of Anderson School on April 1st as she and her father rode on horseback

to the Bardo elevator to collect the cattle which the train had brought for them. It was recess when, mud-splattered and tired, they returned with the cattle. To Linda's embarrassment, all eyes turned to watch the plodding procession. What a first impression!



Back: Linda (Riediger) and George Sukkau. Front: Darryl, Janice.

Dr. Alfred Riediger graduated from Tofield H.S., from P.B.I., and with a Ph.D. from the U. of A. He has been a Chartered Psychologist since 1971. At various times he has worked for the Alberta Hospital, Community Mental Health Services, the Personnel Department of the Alberta Government establishing an employee assistance program, and in Forensic Assessment. He is now in private practice at ARCH Psychological Services and is also engaged in public education through the media; conducts seminars for Alberta Social Services, and has published a chapter on Employee Assistance Programing. His children are: Lisa Ryder, who worked as a model and graduated with her B.A. in drama from the University of Toronto; and Kalyn Riediger Falk, who is married to David Falk of Black Creek, BC. She is a student in the B.A. (Honours) program at the University of Winnipeg and her husband, David, works with a community agency in conflict resolution.

Al Riediger was married to Evelyn Day on September 5, 1992.

Many are the stories that Al loves to tell about school days in Bardo. One such story is about one warm school day when some of the boys were



Alf Riediger and wife, Evelyn Day.

swimming naked in the creek and the principal and trustee appeared on the scene. It didn't take the boys long to wrestle their clothes over their still wet bodies, and sheepishly head back to class.

Hilda Riediger Dueck graduated from Tofield H.S., P.B.I. and completed her ARCT, BA, BRS, and Education Certificate. She has taught piano for a number of years, and is teaching music at the elementary level at C. W. Sears School in Tofield. She enjoys writing, having published several articles and short stories, and recently completed her first novel. She married Ernest Dueck in 1970. They live and farm on the Dueck



Back: Karla. Front: Hilda and Ernie Dueck.

home place, south of Tofield, formerly known as the Cookson place. Their daughter Karla is attending Concord College in Winnipeg. A son Malcolm Lowell died in 1975, five days after his birth. Hilda always looked forward to springtime in the Bardo District, with its crocuses and pussywillows, and enjoyed participating in Christmas Concerts at Anderson School. She had her beginnings as a wage earner at an early age, often baby-sitting Mrs. Daisy Young's five preschoolers, and doing janitorial work at the Anderson (Bardo) School. Although her wages were always shared with her family, she was able to save up for the purchase of a ball glove and a flash attachment for her camera.

Marilyn Riediger Gould graduated from Tofield H.S., and P.B.I. In 1971 she married Hugh Gould and lived in Vermillion where Hugh worked as a mechanic. Both were active in the Alliance Church. On January 10, 1975, their son, Kevin Scott, was born and on January 13, Marilyn died of massive heart failure, caused by a congenital heart defect which had gone undiagnosed for much of her short life. As a child Marilyn was quiet and loved to read, but her love for life would burst through as she mounted her bicycle for the occasional, forbidden, wild, and joyous ride down the hill, through the coulee and up the other hill to the pasture gate. Invariably, she would return, blue-lipped and panting, but with a twinkle in her eye that said, "It was worth it!"

In Bible School, her zest for life made her many friends, but her spontaneity had its beginnings in childhood. Who can forget the impromptu birthday party she threw for herself, not on her birthday, and with no mention of it to anyone at home. What a surprise when her guests, Ann Hart and Joyce Boettger arrived one busy Saturday afternoon, bearing gifts.

Lois Riediger Collins graduated from Tofield H.S., P.B.I. and is nearing completion of her B.A. (Honours) at the U. of W. She married Don Collins in 1970. They served in a pastorate in Leader, SK, and then moved to Moncton, NB where Don was the Atlantic Provinces director for Child Evangelism Fellowship. In 1978 they moved to Winnipeg where Don became the national director for CEF. They have four children: Melanie, a student at Briercrest Bible College; and Keith, Stephanie, and Bethany still at home.

Lois remembers a Christmas gift exchange in her class at Anderson School. She had given a boy an airplane that threw real sparks. Someone later discovered them in the furnace room, enjoying the

sparks in the dark. Naturally, there was a lot of teasing. As a pre-schooler, Lois found Santa's appearance at the Christmas concerts at Anderson School scary, even though he brought presents. Going to the big Tofield School for grade 5 was a bit frightening, too, but she was reassured to discover that her teacher was Mrs. Edna Wideman, the same teacher she had had in grades one and two in Bardo.



Don and Lois (Riediger) Collins and family. Don, Bethany, Keith, Melanie, Lois. Centre front: Stephanie.

Edwin Riediger graduated from Tofield H.S., Berean Bible College and completed his B.A., an after degree teaching diploma, and his Masters in Educational Psychology at the U. of A. He is the managing director of the Robin Hood Association for the handicapped in Sherwood Park. He married Beverly Hillman of Benalto, Alberta, in



Donna, Monica, Bev and Ed Riediger.

1971 and they have two teen-aged daughters, Monica and Donna. They live in Sherwood Park. Beverly is a teacher's aide with Strathcona County. Ed has had a life long love of horses and his hobby is equestrian show jumping.

Ed attended Anderson School for grades one and two and later enjoyed playing for the Bardo Athletics and being coached by "Leftie" Stauffer and Andy Heiberg. He remembers his first day of school. The three grade ones, Ed Riediger, Lois Voegtlin, and Elwood Boettger, were in the front of the room at a little table. Ed leaned back too far in his chair and ended up on his back on the floor. It was a chastened boy that the pretty Miss Hargrove sent back to his desk. In grade two he admits participating in a game with some of the big boys in grade three and four: hurling plasticine against the dusty ceiling tiles. Some stuck, and others came back down, leaving the ceiling looking much like a spotted leopard. He claims the whole thing was really Ronnie Foshaug's idea. (Sure Ed.)

Walter Reidiger (see separate write-up)

Dr. Victor Riediger MD, graduated from Tofield H.S., Prairie Bible Institute, and the U. of A. He is in general practice at the Allin Clinic in Edmonton, Alberta. Vic was a member of the Tofield School boys basketball team when they



Sarah, David, Vic, June and Michelle Riediger.

won the Provincial 'B' Championship in 1972 and still enjoys the sport. He married June Morrison, of Baden, Ontario, in 1984. June works part-time as a medical receptionist. They have three young children: Sarah, Michelle, and David, and live in St. Albert. For Vic, Anderson School is the school he nearly attended. It closed in 1959, the year he and his twin brother, Walter, were to begin grade one.

Joanne Riediger Duebel graduated from Tofield High School, Berean Bible College and completed her B.A. (Honours) at the University of Winnipeg. While on a student exchange in Germany, she met Thorsten Duebel. They were married in Germany in 1981, and now make their home in Edmonton, where Thorsten works as the director for Federal/Provincial Activities at Alberta Career Development and Employment. Joanne works for Alberta Education as co-ordinator of the Excellence in Teaching Awards Program. They have two young daughters, Erin and Kelsey. Growing up without a mother, and having to shoulder responsibilities far beyond her age, Joanne valued the Bardo Community for the youthful friendships she developed there.



Back: Thorsten. Front: Joanne, Erin, Kelsey Duebel.

Walter and Glenda Riediger

(by Glenda Riediger)

Walter, the oldest of twins, was born in June, 1954, into the Jacob Riediger family in Tofield, the seventh of nine children. That same year in January, also in Tofield, Glenda was born to Harry and Beatrice Mosby. She has one older brother and sister (Barry and Donna) and one younger sister (Ivy). Walter lived one mile east and half a mile north of the Anderson School, and Glenda lived half a mile north of the school.

One of our regrets was that we just missed by one year, the opportunity of attending the Anderson School. Walter can remember going to watch his older brothers and sisters in their Christmas concerts in the basement of the school. We both attended school together in Tofield. Glenda graduated from Tofield in 1972 and Walter took his Grade 12 in Camrose at the Camrose Composite High School, and graduated the same year.

After 4 years of living and working in various cities, we rediscovered each other, and were married in the Bardo Lutheran Church on April 9, 1977. We moved to the Jacob Riediger farm that spring (NW 1/4 5-50-18-W4). Jacob retired and moved to Tofield. In 1979, we built a farrowing



Walter Riediger family, 1991. Back Row: Walter, Glenda. Middle Row: Karen, Colin. Front: Philip.

barn and renovated the old hip roof barn for hogs. We have had some rented land and a mixed farm with cattle, hogs, and grain until 1989.

In the past two years, Walter has diversified his career into farm estate transfers. Glenda has been busy as a homemaker since marriage. She also keeps busy with school and church activities and serves on Bardo Recreation committees.

On August 11, 1979, our son Colin was born. Our daughter, Karen, followed on May 18, 1981. Dr. W.H. Freebury, and R.N. Loretta Haugen were the physician and the nurse in the old Tofield Municipal Hospital in 1954 when Walter was born, and also for our children, Colin and Karen, over 25 years later. Our youngest son, Philip was born on July 17, 1986.

We love living on the farm, and spending time with our horses and motorbikes, swimming, skating, skiing, and taking the occasional holiday.

We feel very blessed to be able to live and bring up our children in this neighborhood. We have fond memories of events, social activities and friendships that have been made, living in a close-knit community like Bardo.

History of the Ronnings in Bardo

by Talbert Ronning

Reverend H. N. Ronning, missionary to China 1891-1908, arrived in Bardo with his seven children in the summer of 1908. Mrs. Ronning, nee Hannah Rorem, died in China, February 9, 1907. After Mother's going to Glory, Father sent money to Mr. Thomas Rorem, Mother's brother, who was living in Bardo with his family, to buy two quarters of land from the Canadian Pacific Railroad at three dollars an acre. Then Uncle Tom supervised the building of a house and barn on S.W.1/4-31-49-18-W4. He also bought some horses, cows, sheep and chickens, all waiting for us to move in and take charge.

While father was a young man in Telemark, Norway, he worked for a Mr. Anton Horte in his store and sawmill. Now the Horte family had moved to Doreenlee, Alberta, about fifty miles south of Bardo. Father wrote to him and he sent Gunhild and Olaf to Bardo to welcome and care for us when we arrived.

Nelius, the oldest, was 15 years old; Chester, 13; Almah, 11; Talbert, 8; Harold and Hazel, the twins, 5; and Lily Victoria, 3. All of the children took to Gunhild, five years younger than Mother Hannah, as a mother. She was so kind, understanding, loving and caring! We all fell in love with her. How happy we all were when father married

Gunhild Horte, June 11, 1911, and she became our second mother. Her brother Olaf, who had been with us all this time, was now that kind Uncle Olaf.

Naturally we all had our little chores to do. The girls helped in the house to wash dishes, clean house and make beds etc. We boys had to take care of the horses, cows and chop wood. One day when Harold and I were chopping wood, Hazel came out and put her nice red tam on the chopping block. I said, "Take it off or I chop it." But she just let it stay. "One, two, three - chop!"

The crying girl reported to father. "Talbert, you are older and should know better than destroy that nice tam. What if she had, at the last second, tried to take it. You might have chopped off a finger? Hold out your hand." Slap! "Now go upstairs and thank God that nothing worse happened." Of course, we all went to the Anderson (Bardo) Public School and became Canadians. The teacher for the lower grades was Mr. Wilfred Bower, and the high school teacher, Miss Howlett. We always started school with devotion and songs. Mr. Bower put on a school operetta with words from the Bible. Different pupils were assigned to take the part of some Biblical character. The high school students had the solo parts and the grade school joined in all the choruses. I can still sing with gusto, "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3 (King James)

Nelius and Chester played the trumpet and cornet in the band. I remember when Nelius, Chester, Palmer and Olaf Anderson came racing home on their ponies. Chester, on Sailer, was always the first one.

Our home was built on the top of the bank of a rather large creek. In the summer we went swimming and in the winter we skated and skied. Father was a champion ski-jumper in his homeland, Telemark, Norway; also a great swimmer. I have many more interesting memories.

In 1913 our family moved and pioneered in the Grande Prairie District 300 miles north-west of Edmonton where we took homesteads and proved them up. The old log house is still standing there.

What happened to the members of our family after we left Bardo? Father was called to be the first evangelist of our Lutheran Church and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. While at St. Olaf College many students took a new stand for the Lord. A number of students entered the Theological Seminary and became pastors. One was Dr. Mars Dale who became President of our Lutheran Church in Canada.

In 1940 St. Olaf College gave Father the Honor

of Doctor of Divinity Degree. Mother Gunhild always remained loving, sacrificial, patient and kind, caring for all of us.

Nelius got his Masters Degree from the University of Alberta in geology. He was chosen by the Imperial Oil Company to survey the shores of Great Slave Lake. In the sudden swirl of a mighty wind his canoe, with a sail, overturned and he and his companion James McDugal both drowned. He had been called by the Luther League of Alberta to go China as a missionary.

Then Chester decided to take his place and went to China with his wife, Inga and daughter, Sylvia. Chester finally became the famous Diplomat of Canada and received the highest degree the Canadian Government gives, "Companion of Canada" and from the Alberta Government, the degree of "Excellency." Also, many honorary doctor degrees from many universities and St. Olaf College.

Almah attended Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was a fine artist. She was better read than any of us. She led the choir, gave music lessons and was an excellent Bible teacher.

I, Talbert, was the only one of the family to

be born in America, when my parents came home on furlough during the Boxer Rebellion in China. I graduated from St. Olaf College 65 years ago, went to the Seminary and received the Bachelor of Theology Degree. Later an M.A. degree. I went to China with my dear wife, Ella, nee Gryting, as missionaries. Because of the Chinese-Japanese war we had to return to America. We have served our different congregations and are now retired in Chicago, U.S.A.

Harold married Gudron Ness of Bardo. He received his B.A. Degree from Augsburg College, Minnesota. His Master of Theology from Luther Theological Seminary and his Doctor's Degree from University of New York. He was Professor at Pacific Lutheran College. Later he organized his own social services office.

Hazel, his twin, married Reverend Julius Hanson, famous for baseball pitching and hockey playing. Hazel played the organ all her life. She got her degree in music from McPhail Music College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She led the choirs and played the organ in their different congregations.

Last, but not least, Lily Victoria Ronning



H.N. Ronning family. Back Row: Alma, Mr. Ronning, Talbert. Front Row: Nelius, Hazel, Harold, Lily.

graduated from Loyola College, Chicago. She became Head Supervisor of Nurses and taught nurses at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, U.S.A. She became Captain in the Armed Services in the World War. She served in Evacuation Hospital in Africa and Italy. Later served as County Nurse in Riverside, California. She came home to care for father and mother until they entered the Joy of the Lord.

Victoria married Mr. I. B. Lemon, a radio announcer and business man. Today Victoria, and I are the only ones left. Hazel died January, 1992.

So, now you have the history of the Ronning family from 1891 to 1991.

Greeting to all. Be of Good Cheer in the Lord. Talbert

Thomas Andrew and Alice Tobia Rorem submitted by Glenn Olson

Thomas A. Rorem was born in 1862 at Ombo near Stavanger, Norway. He was only three years old when his parents moved to the United States. There were eight children in the family, five brothers and three sisters. They first settled in Illinois and later moved to Iowa.

As a young man he worked in the Oklahoma oil fields. Two of his brothers were in the hardware and machinery business in Radcliffe, Iowa, and he accepted an opportunity to work for them.

Tom met and married Alice Hegland of Roland, Iowa, in 1886. Alice was a dressmaker working in a shop in Roland before her marriage, a profession she could use to advantage, with a growing family. They farmed in South Dakota, and Iowa, and finally in 1907 moved to Canada. Land was purchased in the Bardo area, the exact location being W1/2-5-50-18 W of 4. Asbjorn Moen built the house and other farm buildings. After five years they sold this farm to Mr. Levi Yoder, and bought the NE and SW of 1-50-19 W of 4 and the SW 7-50-18 W of 4. This resulted in a short move of only one and a half miles west.

At this location a house and farm buildings were built. Wm. Feroe was the builder of the house in 1911. Tom set up a power windmill which drove a small feed grinder and water pump, the kind he sold and installed in Iowa. The lumber for the tower was cut from a pattern and bolted together on the ground. The tower had an attractive tapered style. He received a few requests for this type of mill from area farmers and he built several in his spare time. He eventually owned a threshing machine and installed a high capacity grain cleaner on top of the back end of the threshing machine,



A good hunt! Tom Rorem, Oliver Leterneau, Hans Haugland, Pete Lerbekmo.

to clean grain when necessary, before it was hauled away for storage. Tom served as a member of the Anderson (Bardo) School Board and was a councillor for the municipality. He enjoyed big game hunting and fishing.

Tom Rorem was an old man, but not yet retired, when he decided to file on a homestead near Valhalla Centre in the Grande Prairie area. The legal location was SW-4-73-9-6 beside Bush Lake. He would drive up in the spring or summer, work on the land, visit around with his neighbors and son, Lyman and family, and then return to his farm in Bardo.

Alice Rorem brought a new sewing machine with her when they moved to Canada, a gift from relatives she left behind. She was interested in helping with activities in the community and church. She was a faithful member of the Bardo Lutheran Church. Tom and Alice had five children; two sons, Lyman and Reuben – the twin of Ruby, and three daughters, Adelia (Anderson), Nora (Olson) and Ruby (Helvig). Adelia remembers that when the twins were born in 1900 the family was afraid for Ruby's life as she seemed so quiet and



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rorem.

fragile. But Reuben was very active and so strong that, "children were not allowed to hold him for fear of dropping him." So the family was shocked as well as sad when he succumbed to a short illness at seven months. (From the Palmer and Adelia Anderson information sent by Alice Marie.)

Tom and Alice spent the last years of their lives at the Bethany Home in Camrose, Alberta. Thomas died in 1959, at 97 years of age. Alice Rorem died in 1968 at 101½ years of age.



Alice Rorem and family. Back Row: Adelia Anderson, Lyman Rorem, Nora Olson. Front Row: Ruby Helvig, Mrs. Rorem.

Lyman Theodore and Ragnhild Rorem by Torgrim (Ted) Rorem

Lyman Theodore Rorem, son of Tom and Alice Rorem was born on the family farm in Radcliffe, Iowa on September 13, 1890. He attended school in the U.S. and in 1907 he moved to Bardo, Alberta, with his family. He attended Alberta College in 1912 and Camrose College in 1913. He came to Valhalla Center in 1915 where his uncle, Dr. H. N. Ronning, was a missionary pastor who brought in the Norwegian settlers. Lyman succeeded his cousin, Chester Ronning, as teacher in Valhalla Center for one year. He was very active in the Lutheran Church and the community, serving as secretary-treasurer on the local school board.

An avid sportsman, Lyman participated in baseball, basketball (which was played outdoors in his day) and curling. As a young man he coached and refereed girls basketball in the community. After retiring to town he was active in bowling until his 90th year. Lyman also had a

great love of music. He played the drums in a brass band and travelled with it to many functions around the Peace area. He also sang in the church choir, enjoying to sing bass when he could follow along with another member. Drama and public speaking were of great interest to Lyman and he continued these activities as a member of the Golden Age Club, reciting at various functions such as those sponsored by the Rotary Club. He also had a keen interest in collecting stamps and coins which resulted in an excellent collection started in his boyhood days. Many of the items were obtained from his many relatives throughout the world as well as through the local stamp club.

Lyman farmed in the Valhalla Center area and was one of the first to use a farm tractor rather than horses. He also worked as a steam engineer and a buttermaker in the local creamery.

Nineteen-thirty brought a marriage to Ragnhild (Hilda) Solheim from Kvalheim, Norway. Their union produced two sons, Torgrim (Ted) in 1931 and Marvin in 1933.

In 1964 they sold their property in Valhalla Center and moved to Grande Prairie. During his retirement Lyman remained very active in the Golden Age Club, serving as its president and as a board member representing the organization at city council. He also travelled extensively with the various programs he belonged to.

Lyman passed away January 7, 1989. He is survived by his wife Hilda, his two sons and their families. Their eldest son Torgrim (Ted) and his wife Christine have three children: daughter Janet and her son Christopher Andrew; and son Thomas Lyman and his wife Stephanie (Stacy) of Grande Prairie; and daughter Margie and husband Gregory Drysdale and two daughters, Megan and Kelsey of Maple Ridge B.C.

His second son Marvin and his wife Muriel have five children: Reid, his wife Laurel and their son Thomas; Marnee, her husband Gordon Durward and two daughters Leslie and Heather; Lane, his wife Kerrily and daughter Shelby; Robbin and Joel all of Grande Prairie.

Lyman also has three sisters, Adelia Anderson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Nora Olson of Edmonton, Alberta, and Ruby Helvig of Portland Oregon.

Ingmar and Nora (Rorem) Olson

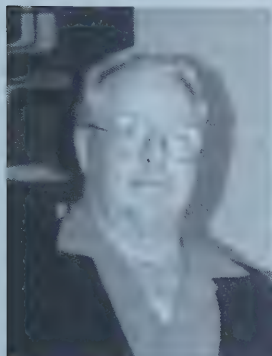
Submitted by Glenn Olson

Nora was born in 1895 at Jewel, Iowa, and moved to Bardo in 1907 with her parents Tom and Alice Rorem. She attended Anderson School



Ingmar and Nora Olson.

(Bardo) and Alberta College, Edmonton, where she studied music and piano. She married Ingmar C. Olson whose parents and family purchased land about three miles north east of Bardo in 1905. Nora and Ingmar started their married life on the farm in this area. Nora played the organ in the Amisk Creek Lutheran Church and held positions in the church and community. She played basketball and Ingmar was a left-handed baseball pitcher. They retired in 1951 and moved to Edmonton after farming 35 years.



Glenn Olson.



Gladys (Olson)
Brimacombe.

Ingmar died in 1953, and Nora is a resident of Queen Alexandra Senior Citizen's Lodge in Edmonton. They raised two children: Gladys and Glenn.

Gladys grew up on the home farm and attended high school at Anderson School (Bardo), and Camrose Lutheran College. She took a commercial course at Camrose College, and household economics at the Vermilion School of Agriculture. She worked as a secretary for the Provincial Government until she married Marwood Brimacombe of Vermilion, Alberta. They built a house in Edmonton, where Marwood (Brim) taught school. Gladys died in 1981. They had two children: Gerald and Carol.

Gerald works in Edmonton and has travelled extensively in Asia for several years. Carol is a Public Health Nurse with the City of Toronto. She married Daniel Marz, and they have one son, Alexander, now in public school. Carol recently finished post graduate studies in public health at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

Glenn Olson attended high school at Anderson School (Bardo) and Camrose Lutheran College. He took a business course at Alberta College in Edmonton and obtained a B.Sc. in Agriculture at the U.of A. He worked as an Agricultural Officer for Canada Agriculture and is now farming the home farm in the Amisk Creek area. Glenn took part in all sports locally and at school. Most of his holidays are sports related.

Abel and Ruby (Rorem) Helvig

Submitted by Ruth Peterson

Ruby was born in Jewel, Iowa on April 19, 1900, to Thomas Andrew Rorem and Alice (Hegland) Rorem. She lived in South Dakota and Iowa and then moved to Bardo, Alberta with her parents. She attended the Anderson (Bardo) School.

On a trip back to Iowa she met Abel Helvig, whom she married in 1925. They lived in the Roland, Iowa, area for ten years and then moved to Silverton, Oregon, with their four small children. Then a further move to Salem, Oregon, which became the Helvig family home for fifty years. Abel Helvig died in 1963.

Ruby now lives in a senior citizen home in Portland, Oregon. She has always had a special place in her heart for babies and children. Her twelve grandchildren and her 22 great-grandchildren are very dear to her as she is to them. Family has always been the central focus of interest to Ruby. In earlier days travel to visit sisters and

brothers on both sides of the family was a highlight. Today photo albums are kept current to keep track of the growing family.

Ruby has always enjoyed crocheting and growing flowers. She made sure all of her great-grandchildren had a warm handcrocheted baby blanket when they were born. Now she crochets edges on flannel blankets for new borns who need blankets to go home from Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Ruby and Abel had four children: Alice, Ruth, Joel and Mark. Joel died in 1948.

Alice Helvig, born 1927, became a registered nurse, and married Jack Eykelbosh. They are now retired and live in Portland. They have three children: Donald, Janet and Nancy. Donald a teacher for the Department of Defence and his wife Alexis Titus have four children and live in Okinawa. Janet, a designer, is married to Greg Vohs, an architect. Nancy, a secretary, married Tom Eilers, a store manager, they have one child.

Ruth Helvig, born 1928, married H. Duane Brown who died in 1974. In 1991 she married Philip Peterson and they are both retired in Salem, Oregon. Ruth has five children. Rebecca Eileen, a medical review specialist, married Jack Trachsel, an investment broker. Kathleen Diane, a secretary, married Cody Evans, a commercial fisherman off the coast of California and Oregon. They have three children: Sheryl Ann married Gregg Winter,

who works with a natural gas company. They have three children: Gordon Duane, county sanitarian married Susan Medders, a biologist. They have one son. Mark Thomas, food distributor, married Pattie Luce. They have four children.

Mark Dale Helvig lives and works in Salem, Oregon, and is a builder of Custom Homes. Mark has three children: Gary Mark Helvig is a teacher. Sandra Kay married Tim Branam and both work for the U.S. Post Office. Jody Ann married Tom Baker, a mechanic, and they have four children.



Ruby (Rorem) Helvig and family. Alice, Mark, Ruth, Ruby.



Wedding of Ruby Rorem and Abel Helvig, 1925.

The Robert and Olive Rose Family by Earl and Agnes Rose

The Rose family arrived at the edge of the Bardo Community in the spring of 1933. They bought the Joe Hershberger farm which had been occupied by the Roy Zook family. The family consisted of Robert Leroy Rose and his wife, Olive Mae Rose, and two sons, Earl and Harold. The boys were five and three and one-half years respectively when they arrived from Fort Saskatchewan. Their new home was half-way between Tofield and Bardo and one-half mile south of the Ingram School. The land description for the family farm is S1/2-24-50-19-W4.

The family owned this farm until ill health forced the sale in the spring of 1944. It was purchased by the Schmidt family and is still farmed by them. The Rose Seniors moved to Edmonton. Earl rented land west of Tofield and still resides in that area.

Earl married Agnes McHeffey. They have five children: Conrad, Phyllis, Miles, Linda and Dixie.



Olive and Robert Rose.

Conrad married Dianna Mackowski. They have two children: Robert and Kimberly. Phyllis married Donald Wood and they have two children, Penny and Michael. Miles married Debra Libeil. They also have two children: Bradley and Kendra. Linda married Clayton Meers. They have one daughter, Jennifer. Dixie married Edward Donnan and they have two children: Christopher and Kyle.

Harold farmed for a short time west of Tofield then moved to the Round Hill area. He later moved to Jasper and now resides in Hinton, Alberta.

Harold married Marion Smith. They have three children: Judy, Allan and Donna. Judy married Russel Sprackman. They have two children, Jennifer and Heather. Allan married Leann Stobart and they have two children, Brian and Connie. Donna married David Kapatch. They, too, have two children, Jason and Tammy. The whole family lives at Hinton, Alberta.

Valentine (Felt) and Lydia Roth

Information from Family Members

On January 16, 1880 at Flanagan, Illinois, a son, Valentine was born to Christian and Katie (Zehr) Roth. In 1883, when he was three years old, Valentine moved with his parents by train to Milford, Nebraska, where he spent the first thirty years of his life.

Lydia, the daughter of Joseph R. and Mattie (Bender) Stauffer, was born on January 25, 1883, at Milford, Nebraska. On February 20, 1902 at



Valentine and Lydia Roth.

Milford, Nebraska, Valentine, age 22 and Lydia, age 19 were united in marriage. Valentine and Lydia Roth left Milford, Nebraska, in 1910 to settle in the Bardo area of Alberta. At this time they had three sons, Melvin, Reuben and Roy. They lived on NE1/4-32-49-18-4 east and south of the Anderson School (Bardo). The house that they moved into had been erected before they came, but there was much to do to completely finish it. The house was located in the middle of a field, away from the roads, so they had two gates to open going west, and two gates to open going south, before they arrived at either of the main roads. In the early years the roads often drifted shut in the winter and since there were no snowplows people would often drive through their yard. Their farm consisted of the N1/2 and SE1/4 of section 32-49-18-4.

In September of 1911, a little girl was born in their home. She was named Mattie Lenora. Now they had four children. In May of 1913 they had another baby. This time it was a boy whom they

named Joseph Ellis. Then in February of 1915, Martha was the fortunate baby to be born. She was not given a middle name. It didn't take her brothers long to call her "Scarta" or Martha Jane, which she sometimes greatly disliked. Margaret Grace was born in March of 1918. They informed Martha later that she was very jealous of this new baby because she got less attention. Martha doesn't remember that, but now really appreciates Grace. They always have great fun together.

February of 1921 marked the birth of brother, George Washington. What an important name! Five years later in December, 1926 the Roths were blessed with a baby daughter called Florence Mae. This made a family of nine children. One can imagine what good times they had with one another.



Valentine (Felt) and Lydia Roth and their sons, Melvin, Reuben, and Roy.

When the children were young, the farming was done with horses. Binders were used to cut grain and tie it into bundles. Then the bundles had to be stooked. The grain was threshed with threshing machines which meant that threshing crews were necessary. The men had to load racks by throwing the stooks on with a pitch fork and then unload them into the threshing machine the same way. The women, although they had to cook for the men, found threshing time fun as they usually paid each other a visit for one good thresher's meal.

As the children grew older, horses were replaced by tractors. This made the farm work much easier.

Valentine Roth ran one of the elevators at Dodds. He did this to help supplement the income for the needs of his growing family. He died

suddenly on February 25, 1931, just 51 years old. The cause of death was a blood clot in his head.

Valentine's wife, Lydia, passed away in 1949. All of the Roth sons have passed away as well as one sister, Mattie.

Valentine and Lydia had been members of the Salem Mennonite Church near the Bardo Community. Church was a very important part of their family life. Their final resting place is in the cemetery by the church.

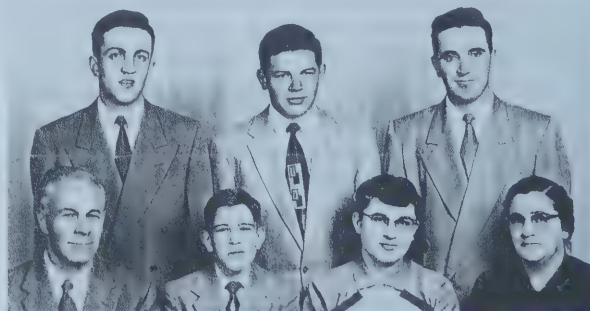
Many memories are shared by the family. Much is left untold, but for certain, they have left them a heritage they can proudly share with those in their ever growing family.

Melvin and Hilda Roth

Information from Ellis Roth

Melvin Stauffer Roth was born August 23, 1903, in Milford, Nebraska, the oldest son of Valentine and Lydia Roth. He was seven years when his parents and two younger brothers, Reuben and Roy arrived in the Bardo district in 1910.

In time he returned to Milford where he met and married Hilda Hershberger. She was born March 26, 1907. They were married January 12, 1928. Melvin and Hilda returned to Canada and lived on the Roy Roth farm, where Elwood Boettger's now live (1992). Three children were born during the time they lived here, Willis James, Burdette Ellis and Betty Jean.



Melvin Roth family. Back Row: Burdette Ellis, Delbert Dean, Willis James. Front Row: Melvin, Curtis, Betty, Hilda.

Melvin, Hilda, Willis, Ellis and Betty left Canada by train in 1936. Melvin had a promise of a job at Maplecrest Turkey Plant at Wellman, Iowa. He worked for the turkey processing plant and in the turkey feed plant until he was unable to continue because of a severe heart attack approximately sixteen months before a fatal attack.

He was affectionately known as "Canada" by many of his fellow workers. A rather quiet but strong man, he also was a gentle man. For many years the family members were custodians of the Mennonite Church in Wellman.

"When I reflect on how young my father was when he died, (I am now seven years older), it is amazing how fast time goes by. In 1951 our entire family came to Tofield for a visit and then in 1991 many of us were in the Tofield area again for a Roth family reunion."

Willis James Roth, b. September 6, 1930 at Tofield, Alberta, married Darlene Maxine, b. August 19, 1935, on June 9, 1953 at Wellman, Iowa. They have seven children: **Douglas James**, b. 1954; **Julie Ann**, b. 1957; **Philip Jay**, b. 1959, and Gina Leonard, b. 1964, have two children; April Lynn, b. 1984 and Felicia May, b. 1990. **Joseph Michael**, b. 1962; **Janice Darlene**, b. 1964, married Gordon Peters, b. 1963; **Joanne Kay**, b. 1967, has one daughter, Ashley Anne Roth, b. 1988 and **David Willis**, b. 1972.

All the family live in the U.S.A. except Janice and her husband, Gordon. Their home is in Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

The second son of Melvin and Hilda was named Burdette Ellis. He was born November 15, 1933, at Tofield, Alberta. Ellis married Marilyn Dee Leichty b. October 9, 1935, on August 7, 1955. They have three children, **Bryan Ellis**, **Kevin Jay**, and **Carol Kay**. Bryan, b. March 25, 1958, married Rosilan Mae Campbell on April 12, 1980. They had two children: Blake Lander, b. 1978, and Alexander Burdette, b. 1981. Bryan and Rosilan were divorced in 1988. Bryan remarried in 1991 to Sheila Marie Trent, b. 1967.

Kevin Jay, b. 1958, married Susan Bilyeu, b. 1958, on September 22, 1979.

Carol Kay, b. 1965 married Keo Lovan, b. 1961, on August 11, 1984. They have two children: Benjamin John, b. 1987 and Katherine Sue, b. 1990. The family all live in Iowa except Bryan and his wife, Sheila who live in Arvada, Colorado.

Betty Jean, b. 1935 at Tofield, Alberta, married Joseph Krabill, b. 1930, on November 17, 1956. They have five children: **Brenda**, b. 1958, married Mark Allen Colbert, b. 1955, on September 16, 1978. Their children are: Lindsey Dawn, b. December 16, 1982; Kelsey Owen, b. 1985 and Shawn Francis, b. 1991. **Timothy Joe Krabill**, b. 1959 and **Anthony Lynn Krabill**, b. 1967. Anthony married Sarah (Sally) Thomas, b. 1970, on July 20, 1991.

Delbert Dean Roth, b. 1939, in Wellman, Iowa,

married Miriam Wittrig, b. 1938, on May 22, 1964. Delbert and Miriam have two children: Karri Sue, b. 1966, and Matthew Dean, b. 1970.

Curtis Eugene Roth was born December 11, 1943.

Melvin died of a heart attack at the early age of 52 years in 1955. He was buried at the Wellman Mennonite Cemetery, Wellman, Iowa. His wife Hilda, lived in Wellman, Iowa, until her death, September 26, 1993. She was also buried in the same cemetery.

Rueben and Norma Roth

by Edward L. Roth

Reuben was born May 12, 1906, in Milford, Nebraska where his parents, Valentine and Lydia Roth lived at the time. He married Norma Irene Schweitzer, b. October 12, 1910, on January 26, 1928, in Milford, Nebraska. Norma was born in Milford, also. They lived in Alberta for awhile, but because of being hailed out two years, one year of army worms and the well going dry in the fall of 1941, they moved to Ohio where they had heard that the grass was green the year round. They found out that was not exactly true.

I, Edward, will never forget when Dad, in desperation, tried to dig a well by using a post hole digger with extension pipes. He got down about twenty feet and hit a big rock and could not get past it.

Reuben worked for thirty years as a cabinet maker in Ohio and enjoyed it very much. His wife, Norma, was a very hard worker. She did the milking, etc. as well as raised the family, while Reuben threshed and worked the land. He passed away June 22, 1981 at Pettisville, Ohio and is buried in the Pettisville Cemetery.

Norma is still very active, enjoying all of her grandchildren and doing a lot of traveling.

Reuben and Norma had two children: Edward Lee Roth and Nancy Mae Roth. Both children were born at Tofield, Alberta. Edward (b. December 28, 1931) married Mildred Lorene Bontrager, (b. June 6, 1933 at Streetsboro, Ohio) on October 2, 1954. They live in Archbold, Ohio. He graduated from the New York Institute of Finance and is a Certified Financial Planner. He is President of Fulton Investments, Inc. plus holding positions in several other businesses.

The children of Edward and Mildred Roth are: **Jenelle Lynette** (b. December 19, 1955) married Robert James Bushur, (b. June 9, 1954) on June 26, 1977. They have four children: Jordan Elizabeth (b. April 6, 1979), Jenneken Mae, (b.

May 22, 1981), Joemy Lauris, (b. January 29, 1983) an Jessanna Valentine, (b. December 18, 1990). **Jeffrey Lynn Roth** (b. November 16, 1958) married Wanda Marie Beiler, (b. April 20, 1965). They have one child, Justin Reuben, (b. May 7, 1990). **Janette Lorelle Roth** (b. October 5, 1962) married Neil Amstutz, (b. February 21, 1964) on July 5, 1986. They have one child, Matthew James Amstutz, (b. May 16, 1991).

Nancy Mae Roth, daughter of Reuben and Norma Roth, was born July 16, 1935 at Tofield, Alberta. She married John Allen Smith, (b. August 30, 1936) on October 9, 1955 at Archbold, Ohio. They have one child, Steve Wallace Smith, (b. March 29, 1956). They live at Wauseon, Ohio.

Roth, Roy, Mary and Family

by Vivian Wilde

Roy Roth was born in Milford, Nebraska, in 1908. In 1910 he moved with his parents, Lydia and Valentine Roth to the Bardo area where he lived most of his life. Roy loved sports and was a very good racer. Winning races at picnics and sports days was something he did many times, paying for the family's day with money he had won at the races. I also remember him winning razor blades in a race. Roy also loved duck hunting, especially with the Foshaug boys.

On February 18, 1931, Roy married Mary Lehman from the Dodds area. That year was typical of Alberta winters. The weather was very warm, yards had been raked before the big day. The wedding took place at the Salem Mennonite Church and the reception was held at the Lehman farm. I have been told that the weather was so warm that the men played ball and the babies were put in cars to sleep.

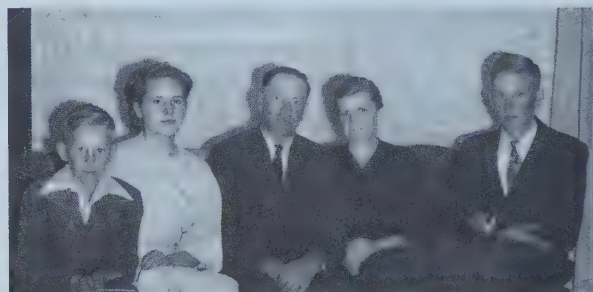


Roy and Mary Roth's wedding – February 18, 1931. Joe Roth, Velma (Yoder) Lehman, Roy Roth, Mary (Lehman) Roth, Alvin Lehman, Mattie (Roth) Sitler.

Roy and Mary started their married life on what was known as the Lewis Place, just north of the present Glenn Francis farm previously known as the Steen place. While living here, they spent lots of time with Iver and Olfrid Moen, doing whatever they did at a time when there was not much money or transportation to do things people do now. Roy also sang in the Salem Mennonite Men's Chorus.

Roy and Mary moved to the Melvin Roth farm in 1937 when Melvin moved back to the U.S.A. They lived there until 1958 when they moved to Ryley and ran the egg grading station. Roy died on November 27, 1959 from a heart attack at the age of 51. Mary continued to live in Ryley until September 21, 1972 when she suddenly passed away.

Roy and Mary had three children: Vivian, born October 1, 1932; Vernon, born April 10, 1935; and Donald, born May 20, 1938. All attended the Anderson School (Bardo).



Roy and Mary Roth family, 1949. Don, Vivian, Roy, Mary, Vernon.

Wilde, David and Vivian (Roth)

Vivian, now living in Edmonton, attended school for Nursing Assistants in Calgary. Graduating in 1957, she worked at the Tofield, Viking, Grande Prairie and Edmonton General Hospitals.

In 1963, Vivian married David Wilde, an accountant with Sherritt Gordon in Fort Saskatchewan. He was a widower with three young children and had suffered from polio in 1954. In 1967 they moved to Calgary where Dave worked at the University of Calgary. In 1976 they moved to Ryley where Dave had his own accounting business for eleven years. Vivian drove a school bus for a while, then decided to make a career change and went to Edmonton to work for G.E. Capital Business Centre. She has been with G.E. Capital for nine years and at present is working in the Collections Department as a Skip Tracer.



David and Vivian Wilde family. Standing: Janice (Wilde) Wall, Ken Wilde, Paul Wilde, Kathy (Wilde). Sitting: David, Vivian, Douglas.

David and Vivian have five children and four grandchildren. Kathy, born February 23, 1960, married Ron Maksymek in 1987. They have a daughter, Grace.

Janice, born July 1, 1961, married Marvin Wall on October 10, 1981. Janice attended Camrose Lutheran College for one year before taking her Psychiatric Nursing at Alberta Hospital. She later obtained her Registered Nursing degree. She works at Grey Nuns Hospital. Janice and Marvin live in Edmonton. They have three daughters: Kristen, Lisa and Bethany.

Kenneth, born September 26, 1962, married Lori Janzen on July 2, 1988. They live in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He attended Camrose Lutheran College and played basketball for the Vikings for one year, then continued his education at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, graduating in Instrumentation.

Douglas Wilde was born March 17, 1965. He teaches Mathematics at Bert Church High School in Airdrie, Alberta. He has his Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of Alberta. He is very involved in coaching basketball. He coaches the High School girls' team as well as being on the Alberta Basketball Executive. He also coaches the Juvenile girls for the Western Canadian Games. Doug lives in Calgary.

Paul Wilde was born May 3, 1968. He is a business graduate from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and works for the University of Alberta as Book Trafficking Supervisor. Paul makes his home in Edmonton.

Roth, Vernon and Viola

by Vivian Wilde

Vernon Roth married Viola Good of Acadia Valley in October, 1958. They farmed in the Bardo area for a short while before moving to Rley where they bought and ran a grocery store for several years. In 1970, Vernon went to work for Gainers Meat Packing Plant. He worked as a foreman until 1989 when he had an industrial accident. He can now be found on the Belvedere Golf Course most days in the summer. Vernon is very athletic and played hockey for the Viking Gas Kings while living in Rley. Viola has worked for Safeway for the past twenty years.

Vernon and Viola live in Edmonton. They have three children: Ronald, born September 8, 1958, has his Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts from the University of Alberta. Gary was born September 8, 1960. He attended Camrose Lutheran College for two years and played basketball for the Vikings both years. He then transferred to the University of Alberta where he received his Bachelor of Commerce degree. He married Rhonda Wolfram of Edmonton in August, 1991. They live in Edmonton. Dalene Roth was born April 9, 1964. She works for the Government of Alberta as a Secretary in Urban Development. Dalene lives in Sherwood Park.



Viola and Vernon Roth. Dalene, Ron, Gary, Baby Stephanie, Rhonda.

Roth, Donald and Dolores

by Vivian Wilde

Donald Roth married Dolores Buschert of Carstairs on October 14, 1963. They lived in Red Deer for a few years where Don worked for the Treasury Branch. They then moved to Tofield

where Don went to work for the Tofield Hospital where he was Administrator for twenty-five years. Don worked very hard in getting the new Health Care Centre, which everyone in the area is now enjoying. Dolores was very active in the Hospital Auxiliary, of which she is a Charter Member. They have three children and one grandson.

The first babies were twin boys – Byron and Myron. They were born on June 26, 1964. Byron has his Professional Engineer degree from the University of Alberta as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario. Byron married Maryanne Presuto on April 29, 1990. Maryanne is from Long View, New Jersey, U.S.A. They have a son, Hudson, and live in New Jersey, U.S.A.

Myron is a Doctor of Dentistry and graduated from the University of Alberta. He has his own practice in Meadowlark Place in Edmonton, Alberta. He married Patty Prokopchuk of Athabasca, Alberta on August 3, 1991. They make their home in Edmonton.

Sheila was born on November 27, 1965. She works for the Pulmonary Department at the University of Alberta Hospital as a secretary. Sheila lives in Edmonton.

Due to health problems, Don retired as Administrator of the Tofield Health Centre in 1992. Don and Dolores have since moved to Edmonton.



Don and Dolores Roth family. Don, Dolores, Byron, Hudson, Marianne, Sheila, Patty, Myron.

Edwin and Mattie (Roth) Sitler

by Rodney Sitler

Mattie Lenora Roth was born on September 14, 1911 to parents Valentine and Lydia Roth, in the Bardo district. She was united in marriage to Ed Sitler of Camrose, Alberta, on September 28, 1941, in a triple wedding ceremony. Her sisters, Martha and Grace were also married at this time.

Three children were born to this union. Their

daughter, Audrey Martin resides near Brooks, Alberta. They had two sons, Dwayne and Rodney. Dwayne married Noelle Wideman and they have two children, Karen and Derek. Dwayne, together with his family, as well as Rodney live on the original Sitler farm in the Round Hill area.

Mattie was known for her hard work and excellent cooking. She loved gardening and growing beautiful displays of flowers. She was blessed with five grandchildren.

Mattie passed away on March 13, 1985 at the Bethany Auxiliary Hospital in Camrose.



Edwin and Mattie (Roth) Sitler family. Edwin, Rodney, Audrey, Dwayne, Mattie.

Joseph Ellis and Fern Roth

by Fern Roth

Joseph Ellis Roth was born to Valentine and Lydia (Stauffer) Roth on May 7, 1913. He was born on the Roth farm located on N.E.-32-49-18-4 which became his home for twenty-seven years. He recalls his mother relating how when fetching cows from the pasture, she paused at intervals because of labor pains announcing the arrival of this her fourth baby. Joseph attended the Anderson (Bardo) school and enjoyed the friendship of community children. Among Joe's recollections of his early school years and teachers was Magda Hendrickson's comment of his little feet. Later in his life she remarked about this on a visit to her. Joe never did wear shoes beyond size eight.

Transportation to school was provided, not by school bus, but by dependable horse and buggy or sleigh which required no operator's license. His passengers consisted of younger sisters and neighboring students.

Joe lived a relatively happy life at home and school until tragedy struck their family. At the age of seventeen he was faced with heavy responsibility

of the farm when his father died suddenly in the Dodds elevator where he had assumed the position of Alberta Wheat Pool manager. This he did to supplement the family income in the midst of the depression. Joe, (as he was known) with his widowed mother and sisters worked hard to farm and make a livelihood. Of necessity he learned how to make repairs from whatever was available at a minimal cost.

However, there were times of fun. A sheet of ice at the base of the hill between Voegtlin's and Yoder's provided the rink for Saturday afternoon hockey games. The absence of proper equipment, such as shin pads, helmets, etc. resulted in injuries that required a week of healing before the next game. In the summer the weekly evening ball games held in a pasture called "Dutch Park" on the Joe Burkholder farm, was enjoyed by all regardless of age or sex and at limited expense.

Grain was hauled by horse team to Shontz elevator and coal from Dodds coal mine. It was often necessary to make these trips on very cold days. Fastening the horses' reins and walking behind the sleigh encouraged circulation in hands and feet.

On October 9, 1936 Joe was married to Fern Stutzman. Their first home was a new two roomed house built by Joe Burkholder on the Roth farm. In 1942 they moved to a farm on Section 17-49-18-4, formerly occupied by Joe's brother Reuben and wife Norma who now moved to Ohio, U.S.A. His mother Lydia Roth had inherited this half section from her father J.R. Stauffer, who had purchased it from a banker in Milford, Nebraska. This banker had donated the four acre site for the first Mennonite Church building. This has remained the location of the present structure and cemetery.

Joe and Fern were blessed with four children: Lois Faye, Patsy Joanne, Barbara Louise and Richard Dean.

Faye married Edward Friesen of Duchess, Alberta and presently lives in Edmonton. They have two daughters, Patty Jo of Oregon; Sherilyn Fern of Edmonton; son Kenton Edward of Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Patsy married Glenford Detwiler of Hesston, Kansas and presently lives in Hattiesburg, Miss. Their daughter Glenda Renee is married to Scott Perkins and lives in Nashville, Tennessee. Their son Andy Scott lives at Long Beach, Mississippi.

Barbara married Mervin Yoder of Camrose, Alberta. They have two sons, Mervin Bradley and Landon Troy both of Barrhead, Alberta. Barbara

passed away very unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm on April 17, 1990. Mervin moved to Red Deer after being remarried to Laveryne Green.

Richard married Joyce Lorraine Olson of Provost, Alberta. They presently are owners and operators of the home place. They have five children, Shannon Renee, Jodi Lynn, Shaylene Denae, Racine Dawn and Kalen Dean.

Our children attended Grand Forks school until its closing after which they were bused to Anderson (Bardo) School. Their high school years were spent at Ryley and Western Mennonite School at Salem, Oregon. They have pleasant memories of the country schools and progressed favorably tutored by a one teacher program in Grand Forks.

Joe passed away on December 27, 1990 of congestive heart failure. He often remarked how



Joseph and Fern Roth immediate family, 1987. Back Row: Barbara, Richard. Front Row: Faye, Fern, Joseph, Patsy.



Joseph and Fern Roth family. Back Row: Richard, Kenton, Edward, Landon, Mervin, Bradley, Andy. 2nd Row: Faye, Sherilyn, Barbara, Glenda. 3rd Row: Joyce, (Racine), Shannon, Patty Jo, Joseph, Patsy, Glenford. Front Row: Jodi, Shaylene. (Missing from picture: Kalen, born 1989).

wonderful it would be to pass from this life as peacefully as his father did. This wish was granted him when he fell asleep at home in his recliner. It was a sad experience for me (Fern) and my family to lose two loved ones in nine months. Most people remember Joe for his strong tenor voice and enduring sense of humor. Barbara's memory is imbedded by her vivacious, bubbly, positive character and dimpled smile.

I (Fern) at present am still living on the farm in a mobile home where Joe and I had enjoyed retirement.

Melvin and Martha (Roth) Sitler

by Martha Sitler

Martha Roth was born in February of 1915 to Valentine (Felt) and Lydia Roth. She went to the Anderson School (Bardo) which was the largest school in the community. It was a two-story building which provided the opportunity of a high school education. It was great to go to a rural school. Since they had a few miles to travel to get to school, they travelled by sleigh and horses in the winter, and by buggy and horse in the summer. Sometimes they had very exciting experiences with the horses. She recalls the horse running away one time, and leaving them stranded in the ditch.

The rural school provided many sources of enjoyment. In winter they slid down the road, which sloped toward the bridge, on pieces of board and tin. They ended up down over on the side of the bridge. This could be done when there was too much snow for vehicles to travel on the road. They also played Fox and Goose. When it was too cold to play outside they played games such as Parcheesi.

The big high-light of winter was the Christmas Concert. It was fun to practice especially for drills and to march to the music as Magda Hendrickson played the pump organ. It was a time of community spirit. The class drew names and gave gifts to each other. When spring arrived they had the creek to challenge. They found pieces of trees which they used for poles and vaulted over the creek from one bank to the other. It was fun, but sometimes they missed and got their feet wet. There was ball to play, hop scotch, croquet, pump-pump-pull-away and prisoner's base besides kick-the-can.

The Camrose Music Festival was another exciting time. Martha especially remembers the school choir. Magda Hendrickson would come to the school to play the organ and teach them how

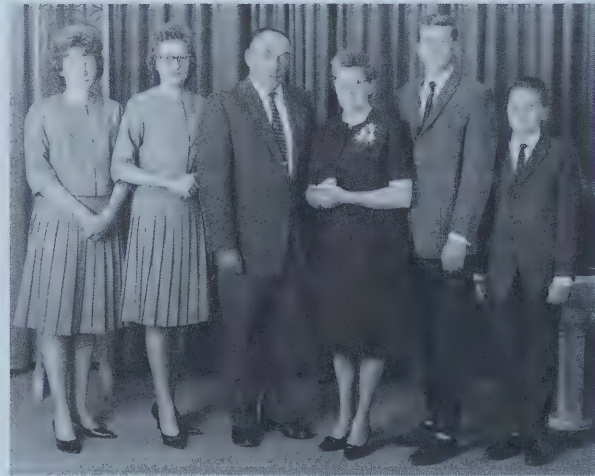
to say words properly. How thrilling it was when they won first prize!

Martha is glad that her parents settled in the Bardo district as there were many Christians of different denominations living here, which she is sure had a profound effect on her life for good. Martha attended the Camrose Normal School in 1935-1936. After becoming a teacher she taught at Deerhill, "up north," Provost and Heatherbrae near Ohaton, Alberta.

Martha married Melvin Sitler on September 28, 1941. This happened to be a triple wedding because three sisters, Mattie, Martha and Grace were all married on the same day. Melvin and Martha farmed southwest of Round Hill where Martha continues to live.

Martha and Melvin had a family of four: Eunice Marie, Sharon Rose, Irving Kevin and Raymond Milton. Irving passed away in 1975 and Martha's husband, Melvin, passed away in 1977.

Martha has five grandchildren whom she enjoys very much. They are: Melanie Joy Burkholder, Kirby James Burkholder, Colin James Burkholder, Christopher Farness Sitler and Elizabeth Amanda Sitler. "Life is fleeting by, but precious memories of the past will always remain with me." Martha Sitler



Melvin and Martha (Roth) Sitler family. Sharon, Eunice, Melvin, Martha, Raymond, Irving.

Melvin and Grace (Roth) Lehman

by Grace (Roth) Lehman

Grace was born in March of 1918 to parents Valentine (Felt) and Lydia Roth. She was raised in the Bardo district and spent ten years going to the Anderson School (Bardo). She had some wonderful teachers, and many friends while going

to school. Grace has many pleasant memories. She especially loved the Christmas Concerts and enjoyed so much being in the dialogues and drills. She thinks maybe she liked to show off, but it was fun!

At twenty three years of age, Grace married a wonderful man, Melvin Lehman. They had a triple wedding when her sisters, Martha and Mattie were married at the same time on September 28, 1941. Martha and Mattie married brothers and Grace married their husbands' first cousin.

Melvin and Grace had five sons: Douglas, Murray, Lorne, Robert and Maurice. Their family picture was taken in 1985. Melvin passed away May, 1987, at sixty-seven years of age. After his passing, Grace moved from Ryley to Tofield. She lives in the Beaverhill Heritage Apartment.

As of March, 1992, Grace has nine grandchildren. Murray died on September 6, 1993. He is buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery.



Melvin and Grace Lehman family. Back Row: Robert, Murray, Maurice. Front Row: Douglas, Grace, Melvin, Lorne.

George Washington Roth **by Ella May (Roth) Burnstad**

On February 22, 1921, a child was born to Valentine and Lydia Roth. He was the eighth of nine children and the youngest son. Because he was born on George Washington's birthday, his parents named him George Washington Roth. George learned to love the outdoors as he played around the farmyard. He was inquisitive and had to be rescued from the water tank because he leaned over too far and fell in.

George and his cousin, Leonard Stauffer, played a lot together as children. They loved the threshing time when all the neighbors got together to harvest the golden fields of grain. They liked to ride on the horse drawn wagons that carried the bundles in from the field to the threshing machine.

The Roths had a marvelous invention at the well, to pump water for the livestock, as well as to the house. It was a gasoline engine hooked to the pump by a belt which in turn pumped the water. George and Leonard had been watching feathers blow up into the air by the exhaust when George became caught in the flywheel. His comment, when freed and on the way to the doctor, was, "I bet my little finger is mad that it is in that engine". The finger was badly severed but he did not lose it. The tendons were badly damaged so his finger curled into his hand.

The Roth farm was situated on the top of a ravine about one half mile in from the road. Through the ravine ran a creek with a couple of small bodies of water at the bottom, especially in the spring. Trees were in abundance, making it a lovely place to play.

They sledded down the hill in the winter and played games in the summer. There were many birds and animals to observe. George's oldest brother, Rueben, was skillful at working with wood. He made a delightful play farm and town, down in the ravine for George. Rueben made miniature pasture land with posts and wire, machinery, trucks, elevators and even a creamery complete with milk and cream cans. It was a very interesting set up and educational as well which helped prepare this young lad for his future as a farmer.

Growing up in a family of nine children, George learned to give and take at an early age. They all enjoyed playing jokes on one another. One time Roy put on his Dad's fur coat and hid in the bushes where George was playing in the ravine. Roy "snuck" up on the little fellow and growled like a bear. George took one look and headed home as fast as he could. He kept his eyes on the "creature" and as a result ran right into the edge of the slough which gave his siblings a good laugh. George did his share of teasing as well. One time he stated that a big wind storm was coming, and with a big blow sent Florence and cousin Beulah Stauffer's paper dolls flying. George would torment his sister Grace by pointing his finger at her special drawer where she kept her treasures. Grace would holler which would bring a chuckle out of George and a reprimand from their mother.

George received his elementary and high school education at the Anderson School. He was a fleet runner and he and his brother Roy often won first place in racing at school sporting events. George enjoyed sports and seldom missed the ball games at "Dutch Park" which was actually Burkholder's pasture. The Salem Church young people met there to play ball. George also enjoyed hockey. He made his own game on the library table even before table hockey games were invented. He used wads of paper for pucks and a pencil for the hockey stick. He would play by himself and be his own commentator – "over the blue line – he shoots – HE SCORES!!"

George's father died on February 25, 1931 when George was ten years old. This was a difficult time for his mother and the family and was a real loss for a young boy.

Music was an integral part of George's life. He sang bass beautifully and could sing tenor. He also played the guitar very well. Sister, Martha, bought him a mandolin but George wasn't interested. He traded it to Martha's husband, Melvin for a shirt. Melvin played the mandolin beautifully.

One summer in the late 1930s, when George was about eighteen years old, he, his mother and four sisters set out for a trip to Nebraska and Iowa to visit relatives and friends. The car was not air conditioned so the windows were kept open. Grasshoppers were in abundance as they travelled through Saskatchewan and occasionally one would fly in the window bringing shrieks from the girls much to George's consternation. Sleep was impossible in one of the motels because bed bugs were found in the bed George was to sleep in. He spent the night in the car. Upon returning home, George said it would be a long time before he would take a trip with a "bunch of silly girls".

George loved the soil and was an ardent farmer. He loved to socialize but also had a serious side to him. He became a Christian at a very young age. He was a member of the Salem Mennonite Church where he was actively involved in leading the singing, devotions, choirs and quartets. He rarely missed the mid-week Bible studies, winter Bible school and M.Y.F. activities.

George married Florence Forgan, a young school teacher, on July 14, 1944. His mother and sister, Florence then moved into a smaller house on the farm and George and Florence lived in the big one. They were blessed with a son, Allen Herbert, born on May 28, 1945. Tragedy struck this happy home when Florence died of complications in child birth on April 18, 1948.

Their infant daughter, Linda Carol died at birth on April 17, 1948. The days ahead were bleak and hard for George, Allen and the family. George's mother assisted with the care of Allen. That fall the three of them set out on an extended trip through B.C., several States, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. They left on October 22, 1948 and returned February 14, 1949. Weather and roads on the way home left much to be desired and Allen was hospitalized in Portage LaPrairie, Manitoba with an ear infection. From there Allen and his grandmother took the train to Edmonton. George got as far as Davidson, Saskatchewan where he abandoned the car and travelled by train the rest of the way because of the snow and blocked roads.



Allen Roth.

Less than two months later George and Allen were deprived of another significant person in their lives. Mother Roth died on April 8, 1949. In the winter of 1949 – 1950 George went to Ontario and Allen spent the winter with his maternal grandmother, Jessie Forgan, in Arizona, U.S.A. She died of cancer on April 4, 1955 leaving another void in the lives of George and Allen.

On August 15, 1957, George married Ella May Wideman. She had trained to be a nurse in LaJunto, Colorado. Ella May became an instant stepmother to Allen who was twelve years old at the time. They lived on the home place where George continued farming with the addition of feeder steers.

George and Ella May were blessed with five children; Elizabeth Ann, born July 3, 1958; Bonita Mae, born November 21, 1959; the twins John David and Joan Marie, born June 15, 1961 and Virginia Lou, born July 16, 1963. George died of



George and Ella May Roth, 1962. George holding Joan, Ella May holding Bonita and John, Elizabeth and Allen.

a heart attack on June 14, 1963, one month and two days before she was born.

June 14, 1963, Bardo Sports Day, dawned bright and clear. It was decided that George would attend the sports day to watch Allen play ball and Ella May would take the smaller children to Al Oeming's Game Farm together with her sister Naomi. It wasn't long before Paul Voegtlin arrived with a message that Dr. Freebury wished to see Ella May at the Hospital. There she learned of the tragic death at Bardo where George suffered a fatal heart attack. She learned of the unsuccessful attempts to revive him. This death was a shock to the family and friends. Ella May was lifted up by the many prayers of God's people and was given the grace to carry on.

Following George's death, a farm sale was held and Ella May moved with her family to Tofield. Eventually she went back to full time nursing at the Tofield Municipal Hospital. Her sister, Lydia, lived with her and took care of the children. In



Ella May (Roth) Burnstad and family. Virginia, Joan, John, Bonita, Elizabeth, Ella May.

1969, the family moved to Camrose where Ella May had a position as Head Nurse and later Director of Nursing at the Bethany Auxiliary Hospital.

In 1981 Ella May married Garnet Burnstad. They now reside in Tofield and collectively have nine children, twenty-one grandchildren and three great grandchildren. When they first married, they lived in Camrose and Garnet worked in Vegreville as Town Administrator until the end of 1981. He then became involved in Real Estate. In 1983 - 1984 Garnet and Ella May spent a year in voluntary service at Western Mennonite High School where they worked mainly in the kitchen and doing maintenance. Most of Ella May's children had attended school there. Both Ella May and Garnet enjoy travelling and seeing God's beautiful creation.

Allen lives in Beaumont. He works for Revelstoke in Edmonton. He has three children; Shelley Lynn, Joshua Buddy, and Jessica Brette. Shelley is married to Kevin Henschel and they have two children; Scott Romero and Marissa Lynn.



Allen Roth family, 1992. Allen; 1. Shelley and Marissa, husband holding Scott; 2. Joshua; 3. Jessica.

Elizabeth lives in North Dakota. She is married to Clark Slater who farms, does custom harvesting and some work as an aviation instructor. Elizabeth works part time as an R.N. They have four children; Sonia Ann, Andrea Rose, Renae Dawn, and Levi John Clark. They also had twin sons; Aaron John and Andrew Paul, who died in infancy.

Bonita lives in Camrose. She is married to Allan Prokopchuk who works as an autobody mechanic. Bonnie works for Social Services as a Financial Benefits Worker. They have two children; Sara Dawn and Terry Allan.

John lives in Tofield. He manages the Alberta



Clark and Elizabeth (Roth) Slater, Christmas, 1992.

Wheat Pool elevator. He is married to Karen Zook from Hesston, Kansas. They have two sons; Ryan John and Travis Lloyd. Karen home schools her children and does folk art painting.

Joan and her daughter, Brandi Lee, reside in Camrose where she works at Stelco.

Virginia lives in Beaumont. She is married to Glen Olsen who is a sheet metal mechanic. Virginia is a licensed hair stylist. She is presently taking upgrading and plans to attend college in the fall. Virginia and Glen have three children; Mellissa Anne, Brandon Glen, and Amy Marie. One son, Adam John, died in infancy.

Ella May's stepchildren from her marriage to Garnet are; Rosemarie Sware, Judy Wideman, and Brian Burnstad.

Rosemarie lives in Fort Saskatchewan. She has a son Scott who is married to Joanne Goutier. They have a son Travis Scott. Rosemarie's husband, Norman Sware, was employed in Real Estate. Norman died in July 1990.

Judy lives in Sherwood Park. She is married to Don Wideman who is a Superintendant with the Edmonton Police Department. Judy works for a law firm in Edmonton. They have two children; Christine and Jarret.

Brian lives in Redwater and works for Esso at the Fertilizer Plant. He is married to Bonnie Teske. Bonnie is employed with Social Services. They have two children; Alayna Ann and Aaron Bryan.

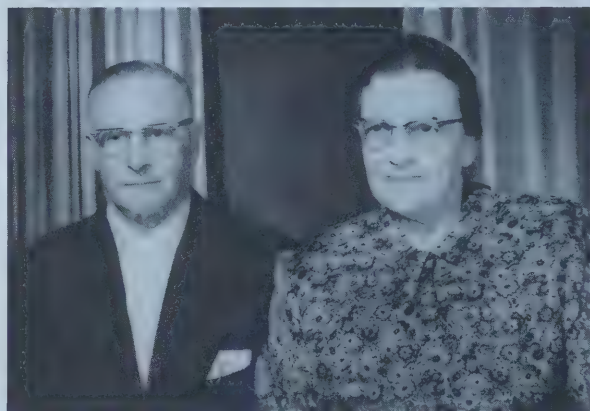


George Roth family, 1982. (Missing: Elizabeth).

Lee and Mary Ann Roth

by Wilma Lauber

Lee Roth married Mary Ann Wideman December 3, 1920. They resided on a farm at W1/2-26-49-19-4 where they made a living by mixed farming. They raised chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and numerous other farm animals including goats. Eggs were graded and sold or given to neighbors. Lee and Mary Ann made their own butter and homemade lye soap.



Lee and Mary Ann Roth.

Mary Ann was not only a devoted wife and mother but was well known for her artistic ability in decorating wedding cakes. Many relatives and friends were the recipients of this gift.

Although the family home was very small there was always room for one more. Before the Tofield hospital was built numerous expectant mothers were welcomed into Lee and Mary Ann's home. Among the many born at the Roth home were: Lois (Lehman) Lauber, Isabel Dunki (second child of a very dear friend of Mary Ann's), Benny Lauber, Betty Weider and Carl Stromner.

In 1970 Lee and Mary Ann moved to Camrose due to failing health. They lived with their daughter, Lily Yoder. They both passed away in 1972.

Born to Lee and Mary Ann were daughters, Wilma and Lily, and a son, Lyle.

Wilma married Clarence Lauber on March 8, 1942. They live in Edmonton. Both are retired - Wilma from sales at The Bay, and Clarence from being a driver at Palm Dairies. They have six children: Beverly, Joanne, James, Mary Lou, Wendy and Lynn.

Beverly married Glen Knudslein of Ryley. They are farming and Beverly works as a nurses assistant at the Tofield Hospital. They have three daughters:

Rhonda, Roxy and Robin. Rhonda married Darrel Pyzik of Ryley. They have two children, Keshia and Jordan. Roxy is a school teacher and Robin graduated from high school in June, 1992.

Joanne married Merlin Rude. (See their history)

James (Jim) Lauber married Linda Martin of Duchess, Alberta. Jim owns a Chrysler dealership in Brooks, Alberta. They have three children: Stephanie, Jamie and Randy. Stephanie is in nurses training in the United States. Jamie will graduate from high school in June, 1992. Randy is in elementary school.

Mary Lou married Dr. Bryce Weir of Edmonton. She is an X-ray technician. They have two children: Glyncora and Brocke. Glyncora is in high school and Brocke in junior high.

Wendy married Scott Lochardt of Vancouver, BC. She operates a Chevron station in Abbotsford, BC.

Lynn married Michael Reichert of Fairview, Alberta. They have two sons, Michael and Derek.

Lily Roth married Wayne Yoder of Round Hill, Alberta. They are both retired. Lily worked in a dental clinic and Wayne in a lumberyard. They have four children: Sylvia, Beatrice, Joan and Kenneth.

Sylvia married Murray Lauber. They have two children, Pam and Heidi. Pam is attending the University of Alberta and Heidi graduated from high school in 1992.

Beatrice married Richard Foshaug. (See their history.)

Joan married Hector Dumonceaux. She babysits in her home. Joan has two children, Juanita and Trevor. Juanita is graduating from high school and Trevor is in high school.

Kenneth (Ken) married Brenda Faulkenberg

from Edmonton. He works as a ranch hand. They have three daughters, Charity, Ivy and Nikki. Charity is in elementary school. Ivy and Nikki are at home.

Lee and Mary Ann's son, Lyle lives on the home place. (See their history.)



Lily and Wayne Yoder family – December, 1991. Back Row: Joan, Ken, Sylvia, Beatrice. Seated: Lily, Wayne.

Lyle and Annie Roth Family History

Lyle Roth has lived most of his life on the family farm located at S.W. 26-49-19-W4. The house he lives in is the original home on the farm. Lyle attended (Bardo) Anderson School, four miles from home, commuting by bike and horseback. A teacher he remembers well is Muriel Finseth.

He married Annie Friesen of Duchess, Alberta. They met during the winter of 1953 at a six week Bible School held at Salem Mennonite Church. While farming Lyle worked at Dodds Coal Mine in the winter. He quit farming and moved to Tofield. Lyle worked at Arnett Motors and drove school bus for Tofield School. They had two boys at the time. He sustained a severe accident when a car fell on him. A chain that was holding the front end gave away and left Lyle with a permanent ankle injury. Miraculously nothing more serious occurred.

They then moved to a house on Sam Stauffer's farm, just east of Tofield and Lyle worked on a mixed farm owned by Boyd and Verba Stauffer. Their next move was to Ryley and Lyle delivered bread and baked goods to town and country for Verners Bakery, a business in Ryley.

In 1966 Lyle, Annie, and family of three boys and one girl moved to Camrose, where they lived for nine years. Their fourth son was born at this time. Lyle was employed at Crawford & Co. and Crawfords of Alberta, trucking and working with



Clarence and Wilma Lauber – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Joanne (Rude), Bev (Knudslie), Wendy (Lockhart), Clarence and Wilma, Mary Lou (Weir), Jim, Lynn (Reichert).

machinery. Every Sunday they drove back to attend Church and Sunday School at Salem and to visit Lyle's parents.

In 1973 they purchased the family farm and moved back to go into the dairy business. Fourteen years later their son, Victor, came into a partnership with them and began operating the dairy. He married Charlene Lauber in 1988. They built a new house on the place. Charlene is employed at the Treasury Branch in Tofield. Their other children are: Arthur, who married Eileen Ertman. They live and work on their dairy farm in Millet, Alberta. They have two children; Michael & Loretta. Eileen is a Health Nurse for the Wetoka Health Unit.

Curtis married Marion Hostetler and they have two children, Allison and Megan. They live near Roundhill and Curt is employed by Superior Propane, as a bookkeeper. Marion is a custodian for Salem Mennonite Church.

Verleen is married to Tim Knudson. They have two boys, Justin and Mitchell. Tim is a mixed farmer and Verleen is a licensed practical nurse in Camrose, at Saint Mary's Hospital. They live in the Ryley/Bawlf area.

Robin, the youngest son, is married to Gloria Grantham and they have two daughters, Amanda and Courtney. They live in the Kingman area. Robin works for Z-Kur Distributors Ltd., delivering milk products through central Alberta. Gloria is the bookkeeper for the company and works out of their home.

Lyle and Annie hope that their place can remain as a family farm for generations to come. The fourth generation has already spoken in favor of it. "You can't tear that house down, it must be 100 years old!" says their eight-year-old grandson.



Lyle and Annie Roth (centre left). Lyle Roth and family at Victor and Charlene's wedding, 1988. Curtis (Megan), Marian (Allison), Robin, Gloria, Lyle, Annie, Victor, Charlene, Verleen, Tim, Eileen (Loretta), Art, Michael. Missing: Justin and Michael (Tim and Verleen's children); Amanda and Courtney (Robin and Gloria's children).

Christian and Bertha Rude

Submitted by Iris Francis

Christian Rude was born in Rakkestad, Norway, October 20, 1868. His parents, Johannes and Karen Glørud and family of six immigrated to the United States of America in 1872. They settled in Zumbrota, Minnesota. Karen was a descendent of the old Viking Royal family, Haakon the 5th Magnussen who died in 1319. At nineteen years of age Christian (Chris) went to Nielsville, Minnesota to work. Here he met Bertha Marie Erickson Helgeland whom he married in 1891. Bertha was born February 23, 1872, to parents Nels and Sesselia Erickson Helgeland. Sesselia Bjelland was a first cousin of the Bjelland who owned the Bjelland Fish Cannery in Stavanger, Norway.



Chris and Bertha Rude's wedding – October 5, 1891.

Chris and Bertha decided to emigrate to Canada, so in 1901 Chris applied for homestead land four miles north of Round Hill near the Bardo Community, S.W.1/4-18-49-18-4. In April 1902 Chris, and step-son Martin, arrived at Crooked Lake (Gwynne) N.W.T., where Nels Helgeland owned a farm which Chris rented. Hail destroyed his first crop, seventeen acres of barley.

Bertha and children, Clarence, Emil, Nora and Alice arrived in May. The family moved to their homestead in October, 1902. Chris had built a 12 by 24 foot shanty and a sod barn. A garden plot and eleven acres of land were broken up as well as a fireguard for protection against prairie fires. Chris, having proven up his land received clear title in 1905. The family became citizens by naturalization. Myrtle and Irene were citizens by birth.



C.J. Rude family, 1914. Back Row: Nora, Clarence, Alice, Emil. Front Row: Chris holding Irene, Myrtle, Bertha.

In time bigger and better buildings were erected as well as a windmill. Water was first pumped by hand if the wind wasn't blowing. Later a gas engine was used. Both hard and soft water wells were on the place. A summer kitchen was built for cooking in hot weather. This was later used for washing clothes and storage. A coal bin was installed. A huge woodpile was behind the summer kitchen. Hitching posts, to tie horses to, were along the driveway to the barn.



Woodpile and barn on Chris Rude farm.

Times were hard physically and financially. Simple machinery was used to seed and reap crops. Finances were implemented by Chris working for Mr. Bosman, a store-keeper in Round Hill and freighting from Wetaskiwin and Edmonton to Round Hill and to Finseth's store. Travel was done by team and wagon and was often treacherous, especially in bad weather.

Bertha prepared wholesome meals. In addition to farm produce, wild fowl, rabbits, fish, wild berries and mushrooms gave variety to the meals. Bread was baked for family and bachelors. Butter and cheese were home-made. Meat was cooked and stored in crocks covered with hot, melted lard and kept in a cool place. Canning, curing and smoking of meat was done also. Sewing clothing for family, neighbors and friends and patching was the order of the day. New hand-sewn dresses and shirts were made for Christmas and Easter.

Chris and Bertha were kind and hospitable with an open door to family and friends. Many travellers were given a meal and a place for the night. School children who had a long way to go often stayed during the winter months. Chris and Bertha took part in community, school and church activities. Fun-times as a family were enjoyed. Neighbors visited, games played and parties held so it wasn't all work.

Christmas Eve on the home-place was special to children and grandchildren alike. After supper, Chris read the Christmas Story and prayed in Norwegian. Candles on the tree were lit while the little ones held hands and marched around it while everyone sang, "Jeg Er Saa Glad Hver Jule Kveld" - "How Glad I Am Each Christmas Eve." Then, the long-awaited gifts were opened. Coffee and



C.J. Rude family, 1948. Standing: Irene Strand, Clarence, Alice Finseth, Nora Anderson, Emil, Myrtle Bjornson. Front: Chris and Bertha Marie Rude.

goodies were served. For those staying over night Santa always rattled the chimney and the snack of milk and cookies was eaten before morning. Stockings had been filled to the delight of all.

Chautauqua Days in Tofield were both educational and entertaining and became an important part of life for the Rude family. In time, the telephone, a car and better machinery and implements made life easier, although Chris never had a tractor.

Chris and Bertha had eight children: Martin, Clarence, Joseph Emil, (died in infancy) Emil, Nora, Alice, Myrtle and Irene. They lived a full life and celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1941. Later they moved to Olaf and Nora's home on the farm.

Chris died July 18, 1948. Bertha then stayed with various family members for a time. She passed away July 31, 1953. They are both buried in the Bardo Cemetery. God bless their memories.



"The Threshing Crew" at C.J. Rude's.



The home at Crooked Lake where Chris and Bertha Rude stayed in 1902. It belonged to Bertha Rude's father, Mr. Helgeland. The Clarence Rude family in 1953.

Martin and Tilda Rude

Iris Francis

Martin was born April 28, 1888. He came to Canada with his parents Christian and Bertha Marie Rude in 1902. However, he didn't thrive in this country so returned to the Red River Valley in his early teens. He was sorely missed by his family in Canada. He became a brakeman on the Great Northern-Burlington passenger train.

Martin married Tilda Tronnes and farmed near Shelly, Minnesota. They raised a fine family of eleven children. During WW II, Martin worked for the Kaiser Construction war effort in California.

Martin passed away June 4, 1966. Tilda continued to live in her own home for several years, then moved into the home of one of her daughters. She was ninety-seven years of age when she passed away on March 26, 1987. Both Martin and Tilda are buried in the Nielsville Cemetery.



Tilda and Martin Rude.



Martin and Tilda Rude family. Tilda, Myrtle, Minnie, Earl, Irwin, Gilmore, Glenn, Lillian, Ray, Doris, Lyleth.

Clarence and Borghild Rude

by Borghild Rude

Clarence Millard, son of Chris and Bertha Rude was born in Neilsville, Minnesota, April 10, 1892. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church there and for two years attended the Ole Nelson school near Shelly, Minnesota. At the age of ten he came with his parents to the Grand Forks District and settled on the homestead land they had chosen. (S.W.1/4-18-49-18-W4) Grand Forks School was built on their quarter section and there Clarence finished his elementary education. For many years he carried in wood and kept the school warm for the tidy sum of five cents a day. He loved to carry a gun so it was no hardship when he was appointed to provide ducks, prairie chicken and rabbits as well as fish from the nearby Amisk Creek for the table.



Ed and Elmer Maurer, Clarence Rude, Johannes Eide. Breaking land, 1912.

In 1909 oxen were purchased and used to break land for different farmers in the area. In 1911 he decided to look for land of his own so he was on his way in a covered wagon to Hughenden, Alberta, to seek his fortune where homestead land was still available but when he saw the rocks on the dry weedy hills that dream was abandoned and he returned home the same way he came. Then in 1912 with the urge still there to go homesteading, and reports of available land in the Peace River country he took off for the North. It took him two days to walk from the Old Smokey to LaGlacé. Too tired to go further he returned to Tofield, and borrowed money to purchase N.W.1/4-19-49-18-W4 in the Grand Forks district. This land was covered with bush except for a spot along the creek bank where he built a shack. This was his home until he purchased a quarter-section across the road where a log house built by the Grandfather of Hans and Palmer Boness in 1900 provided better living quarters.

Clarence was fond of sports, especially



Log part of house, built by Hans and Palmer Boness' grandfather Hans Boness in 1900-1901. Clarence Rude and Alma Marie (1935).

baseball. He was catcher for the Bardo team until he was forty years old and also filled in when Tofield and Ryley teams needed him. Often he related how the fast balls stung his hands before a ballglove was affordable.

Coyote hounds were purchased for hunting coyotes which was not always for sport as one year the pelts paid the taxes. He was often called on by neighbors to use his butchering and veterinary skills and many times made use of his blacksmith and welding shop to sharpen plough shares and weld broken machinery. He loved working in his shop fashioning butchering knives. Once he made a long-bladed knife from a rake tine. Some of the knives are still in the possession of family members.

Clarence grew tired of batching so on June 9, 1932, he married Borghild Foshaug at the bride's home with all the neighbors invited to share in the celebration. This was in the hungry thirties or sometimes called the dirty thirties. Never hungry but it was dirty. Black clouds did not bring rain so badly longed for. Instead the wind-storms filled the ditches with beautiful black soil from the grain fields. At times hailstorms destroyed what little growth there was.



Clarence and Borghild Rude's wedding – June 9, 1932. Wyonne Rude and Muriel Finseth, flower girls.

Times were tough with much unemployment. Men looking for work came to the doors of farmers asking for a handout, some offered to split wood in return for a sandwich that was never denied. Men were often seen sitting in the ditches weaving baskets from willow branches to sell for twenty-five cents.

Clarence raised some cattle, hogs and chickens so there was milk, cream, butter, meat and eggs for food. Extra eggs were sold at times for as little as five cents a dozen. Then he loaded up wheat in the wagon or sleigh box and took it to the flour mill in Mundare. The trip took two days but was well worth it when he unloaded pure wholesome flour, cream of wheat and bran, for good healthy bread and porridge for his family.

Borghild washed clothes on the scrub board using lye soap made from scraps of fat and lye until a hand-powered machine was affordable. She preserved meat by using a strong salt brine or canning both meat and vegetables.

In 1936 they purchased a house in Tofield for \$600.00 and, using steam engine power, moved it on to the first acquired land. They dug a basement using horses and scrapers and spades. A coal furnace was installed. Times were getting better so they were able to hook up the telephone again

and also take the Model T Ford out of the shed in which it had been in storage for ten years.

Clarence's health forced them to give up milking cows so Borghild went to help out at Don Litwin's poultry farm, gathering, cleaning and packing hatching eggs. Clarence gave up farming so they moved to the vacant Stauffer house now owned and operated by Ken and Barb Stauffer and family. Merlin and Joanne Rude moved on the home farm and rented it until they purchased it in 1973. Clarence purchased a house in Tofield and moved there in the fall of 1971.

After working on the poultry farm for five years, Borghild quit the job. Clarence had had the best of health but at the age of seventy-five years was a hospital patient for the first time. Further health problems developed which required more care which Borghild could not provide. This forced him to accept the offering of son Lars and Gladys to move into their home in 1980. He was lovingly cared for and happy until he was hospitalized, remaining there until the new Tofield Health Care Centre was ready for occupancy. He was one of the first residents to make the move into the Auxiliary Hospital where he remained until his death in 1989 at the ripe age of ninety-seven.

Clarence and Borghild's children include Alma Marie (b. December 16, 1933), Lars Emil (b. October 31, 1936), Elizabeth Jean (Betty – b. June 19, 1940) and Merlin Wallace (b. August 7, 1942). All the children are married and the family has grown to twelve grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.



Clarence and Borghild Rude family. Back Row: Lars, Merlin, Alma Marie, Betty. Front Row: Clarence, Borghild. 97th birthday, 1989.

Clarence and Borghild were active members of the two Lutheran churches in the country and the one in Tofield. Borghild was a lifemember of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Women's Missionary Federation which is now the E.L.C.W. (Evangelical Lutheran Church Women).

While on the farm their home was open for Christian fellowship and prayer meetings. After moving to Tofield, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and their friends attending school had a place to go between school activities and sports. They also enjoyed a snack of home-cooking and baking. Some even came in spare periods to study where it was quiet. It was fun having the young people around. Now at the age of eighty-five years (1991) Borghild still lives in her own little home and her friends and families drop in frequently.

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Carl and Alma Marie (Rude) Nelson by Alma Marie Nelson

It is my wish to pay tribute to the Bardo community – what a wonderful place to be born. Rarely does one have the privilege of growing up where God is given His rightful place and where family and friends really care for each other. Such was my lot and I say, "Thank you."

I came into the home of Clarence and Borghild Rude on December 16, 1933. I'm told, I arrived using my voice box which I've continued to do. My place of birth was a log house across the road from where Merlin and Joanne Rude now live. When I was around three years old we moved to what is now Merlin's home.

We children, Lars, Elizabeth (Betty), Merlin and I drove a one horse buggy both to Grand Forks and Anderson School (Bardo). In the winter we'd quite regularly break a shaft on the cutter to Dad's utter dismay. I recall us fighting one time and Lars ending up on the road in perfect position for the wheel to run over him. I also recall Merlin cutting himself while skating and wondering if he would bleed to death before we got home.

Camrose Lutheran College was my home for two years, 1951-1953, after which I worked for two years in the Medical Records Department at St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose, that's as far as my dream to be a nurse went.

During this time I met Carl Nelson from Ohaton, Alberta. We were married in 1955. Carl attended two rural schools and Bawlf High School before taking one year of teacher training at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. At age 19 he started teaching in the first of two rural schools, Baldenstein and Shelburne. He also taught in Ferintosh, Rosalind, Round Hill, Bawlf and then spent twenty years at Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton. The last two and one-half years before retirement in December 1989 he spent at M.E. Lazerte in Edmonton.

Ferintosh was our first place of residence after we were married. Identical twin boys were born in 1957, one, a still birth and the other our Garry. We know the truth expressed in the Bible where it says, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

We moved to Round Hill in 1958. We spent seven really good years there living close to family. Family members came for baths after we got running water, which they didn't have.

Each place where we've lived has added to our list of special people. Garry and his friends played in our cellar and came out looking like Round Hill coal miners. He started school there and all through his years in Edmonton he missed the fun playing in the vacant lot next to our teacherage home.

In 1961 we motored to Quebec City where Carl studied and became fluent in French. Garry and I felt like immigrants in a new land. We came to Edmonton in 1965 and in 1967 we bought our first and only house we have ever owned. Remodeling has been a challenge. We have had many and varied people share our home – University students, families with loved ones in the hospital, cancer patients and folks from several other countries.

It has been our pleasure to visit Europe where we have located lost relatives and also visited those we were aware of. Most recently we experienced the thrill of watching the "Passion Play" in Germany as well as touring several other countries. (1990)

Carl and I are both busy with Church activities. We help plan conferences and camps. Carl sells Christian books from our home. He reads a lot so can tell you what is good! I hear

him say he should return to teaching so he can rest up. Retirement seems to be only a change in jobs.

Carl and I have taken a Christian Counselling Course so are involved in small ways in helping people. Weekly hospital visitation is still a joy for me and I am still associated with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Two university boys make their home with us. In our travels throughout Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe I think where we live and were born is the best spot on earth.



Carl Nelson family. Back Row: Shannon, Cindy, Garry, Michael. Front Row: Lisa, Alma, Carl, Jesse.

Garry and Cindy Nelson

by Alma Marie Nelson

Garry married Cindy Klarenbach in 1978. They attended Youth Group together at Calvary Lutheran Church in Edmonton. You could say they were almost childhood sweethearts. They first lived in a trailer court in Tofield, then built a house there. Next they rented a farm house. They now live eight miles south of Tofield and two and one half miles west of the Round Hill (Bardo) road. They bought an acreage on S.E.1/4-27-49-19-W4. They are nestled in the trees on their acreage. Their trailer home is rather small but there is lots of space outside for the children to play.

Shannon was born in 1980, **Michael** in 1981, **Lisa** in 1983, and **Jesse** in 1985. Two girls and two boys have fulfilled Carl and Alma Marie's dreams of grandparenting. The children occasionally spend time with their grandparents, one at a time or the four together. These are special times. The children all attend a Christian school in Camrose, Alberta.

For the past year (1991) Garry has worked for an Oilfield Equipment Company. Cindy services candy machines for her sister and is a Home Health Aide in the Tofield Area. They both are busy being parents, too.

Lars and Gladys Rude

by Gladys Rude

Lars Emil was born October 31, 1936 to Clarence and Borghild (Foshaug) Rude at the home of Sigrid and Selmer Johnson in Tofield. Clarence and Borghild were moving to a different farm and the house was not ready so when Lars came home it was to a 16' x 16' grain bin that is still standing.

One of the highlights of Lars' young life was to see and hear the steam engine his Dad and Uncles owned. He also remembers when the addition was added to the barn with neighbors like Otto Johanson helping.

Grades one, two, three and five were taken at Grand Forks with his Aunt Myrtle Bjornson as his teacher. Grades four and six to ten were taken at Anderson (Bardo) School and eleven and twelve at Camrose Lutheran College.

The winter of 1956 Lars worked at Chisholm Mills for 85 cents an hour. Room and board cost him \$3.00 a day but he was still able to save enough to buy a two-tone, coral and grey, Fargo half-ton with automatic transmission. Now he could court Gladys Lehman in style. And she was impressed!! That spring Lars rented S.E. 18-49-18-4 from Rueben Eide and started farming, which was the dream of his life.

Gladys Anita was born to Alvin and Goldie (Soma) Lehman July 10, 1939. At that time they lived on what was called the Blackburn place two miles north and a bit east of the Shonts campsite. The farm is now owned by Arnold Heidebrecht. Gladys was born at home with Doctor Law assisting.

In 1944, she moved with her family about six miles south of Ryley to the Herb Marriage farm which Alvin had purchased.

Many good memories are held during those carefree years of childhood spent there. As a child I don't remember a shortage of money or anything else. I do remember ration tickets during the war but felt no lack. I also remember terrible hail storms that broke windows and flattened crops and gardens. It seems Mom always had jars of fruit, vegetables and pickles in the cellar. Like most farmers in those days we milked cows, fed a few pigs, had a few chickens, geese and a goat, so we had milk, eggs and meat. The goat was just to make life more interesting.

We had an ice well, a deep hole in the ground with big chunks of ice put in and a platform on top to hold cream cans, milk and other things that needed to be kept cool. It had a trap door over

the top of the hole. One time I went to get something for Mom and my younger sister came along. As I flung the door open Carol fell in. Dad was near by to rescue her. By this time the ice had been melting and the platform was floating, a pretty scary situation if the platform had tipped and she'd gotten under it.

I don't remember being bored. There were so many things to do. We had a wonderful playhouse in the trees or sometimes in an empty grain bin. There were always horses to ride. Once when I was about five I was riding around the yard as Dad worked near by when all of a sudden a gander flew up and grabbed the horses tail. Away we went across the yard and around the barn until the gander let go. I was still hanging on with one hand and one foot on the top side of the horse. Dad was there to reposition me. I think he laughed the rest of the day. The pasture was a marvelous place to play, with trees, cow paths, and a creek.

In 1950, my family moved to the Eggen place, one-half mile north of the Salem Mennonite Church. Our impression of this place was, there were almost no trees and the house was in bad need of repair. As soon as Dad could, he put on new siding and Mom had a wonderful way of turning a house into a home. I thank God for the wonderful parents we had. They loved and respected each other and taught by example the true values of life. John was born in 1951 bringing the number in our family to eight people. Arlene was 16, I was 12, Carol 10, Judy 4 and Linda was almost 2. And we did just fine in that two bedroom house. A couple of years ago we went to visit the house, it's only occupants being mice and pigeons. We couldn't believe how small the house was.

I went to Talbot School, Grand Forks and then to Anderson (Bardo) School. I worked as a hired girl and then as a telephone operator off and on until 1966.

Lars and I were married June 22, 1957 at my parents home in Ryley. We rented the Eggen place from Dad and lived there the first year and a half of our marriage. Monica Joy was born January 1958. Monica married Randy Patrie. Anita Marie was born January 20, 1959. We caused quite a stir in the community when Anita was born. It was a very stormy night and we were afraid we wouldn't make it to the hospital in Tofield so when we got to Lars' Uncle Arnold and Aunty Mabel Johnson's place we stopped and Lars helped deliver our second daughter. We heard the telephone lines were pretty busy letting everyone know that during the night a stork had dropped

in at Arnold Johnsons. Anita married Philip Martin.

In 1958 we purchased the Eide place and moved there in July of 1959. Dane Clarence was born April 3, 1960. He married Roxie Hayduk. Teresa Dawn was born June 11, 1961. She married David Lyons. Cindy Lou was born June 30, 1966. Cindy married Glen Martin. Their stories are elsewhere in this book. In 1972 we purchased the William Stauffer place, where we are presently living.

Lars worked at many jobs to supplement the farm income during these years. He worked at the coal mines at Dodds, Imperial Lumber in Ryley, Crown Mart in Tofield, also some truck driving and building. In 1969 Lars started working for Shell Canada and continued for seven years. He worked at points all over Alberta, for two weeks on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and two years were spent eighty miles north of Inuvik. Since 1976 Lars has been farming exclusively. He was elected as an Alberta Wheat Pool delegate in 1981, which has been a learning experience.

Lars has collected antiques of all sorts over the years, some of which he displays in a log cabin he built from telephone poles. Another interest Lars has enjoyed very much is hunting geese, moose and elk.

Lars and Gladys are members of the Salem Mennonite Church and have served in various capacities. For the past few years we have served on the Deacon Board, as well as teaching adult Sunday School.

Women's Aglow has been important to Gladys the last fifteen years. The International Confer-



Lars and Gladys Rude - Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, June 6, 1982. Standing: Cindy, Teresa, Dane, Anita, Monica.

ences are highlights. Last year in Orlando, Florida, there were over nine thousand ladies from over one hundred nations attending. Truly Aglow is a network of caring women – ordinary women with an extraordinary calling.

In December 1989, at the age of fifty, Gladys started working at the Long Term Care of the Tofield Health Center. She has enjoyed it very much. In December of 1991 she received a certificate qualifying her as a Personal Care Aid.

Last Summer (1991) Lars and Gladys went to Norway for a month. They enjoyed the beautiful scenery, going to the homes of people who have visited them, meeting new people, and seeing the farms their great-grandparents came from was very touching.



Lars and Gladys Rude.

Randy and Monica Joy (Rude) Patrie by Monica Patrie

I was born January 19, 1958 in Camrose Alberta to Lars and Gladys (Lehman) Rude. I lived in the Bardo area and had my schooling in Tofield.

I have many happy memories going to the ball games, sports days and having the best hot dogs around.

I remember Grandpa Rude (Clarence) coming with the shotgun and taking Anita, Dane, Teresa and I hunting for prairie chickens. I don't remember if we got anything or not but it was fun

to go. I remember the blue cheese sandwiches he would make for us. Nobody liked them, but we ate them anyway because we wouldn't hurt his feelings.

I remember Dad taking us on nature walks to see a baby duck hatch or baby owls in a nest. He would show us flowers, beaver dams and snails in the creek.

In 1977 I married Randy Patrie from south of Ryley. Randy was born April 30, 1954 in the Hillard area, to Albert and Thelma (Lesoway) Patrie. In 1958 the family moved south of Ryley.

We lived south of Ryley on Melvin Lehman's farm for seven years where Stacey (1978) and Shaun (1979) were born. We lived for a short time south and west of Ryley where Landon (1985) was born. At the present time we are living at the Dodds Coal Mine where Randy is employed. Here a daughter, Marcaill Jenise, was born on April 19, 1993. We raised hogs at the mine until the fall of 1988 when the barn burnt down. Now we raise hogs on an acreage 5 miles south of Ryley.



Randy and Monica Patrie family. Shaun, Stacey, Monica, Randy, Landon.

Dane and Roxie Rude by Roxie Rude

Dane Rude, only son of Lars and Gladys Rude, was born in Tofield, Alberta, on April 3, 1960. He was raised in the Bardo area. Dane was one of five children, having two older and two younger sisters. Dane attended Tofield School until Grade Nine when he finished his schooling in Round Hill. He started working when he was sixteen, at a stockyard in Edmonton. He then got a job for a drilling company which took him away from home and his future bride. It was while Dane was attending Round Hill that he met Roxie Hayduk from that same area.

Roxie Hayduk, the oldest daughter of Joe and

Dale Hayduk was born in the Daysland Hospital, July 18, 1958. She resided in Forestburg until 1960 when she and her parents moved to the Round Hill area. Joe Hayduk was given a parcel of land by his father, Paul Hayduk, who settled in the area from Poland. Roxie attended Round Hill School until grade eleven when the High School was closed. She was forced to attend another school which was to be Ryley. She took grade twelve to complete school and hoped to go on to be a nurse. This did not take place, but she did work in a Nursing Home in Edmonton.

Dane and Roxie met in 1976. They had a wonderful courtship and became very close. Dane did not have his own vehicle, so borrowed his Dad's truck to take Roxie out. Favorites were: driving around, going to the lake or the movies and listening to one particular song; "Happiest Girl--."

A lot of time was spent with Dane's friend, Phil, and sister, Anita. Later Dane purchased his own car, a '69 Buick Skylark which he loved to drive and race with.

Dane and Roxie were married April 22, 1978, at the Salem Mennonite Church, where they became members. They purchased an acreage from the Boettgers, where the house is located that Dane's Great Uncle Olaf Anderson had built. They remodelled the original house and built on an addition. This was to be their first dream home. The farmsite later had a fire which burned the old "out-buildings." Dane and Roxie landscaped the yard and added many flowers which is Roxie's hobby.

Dane became a journeyman welder and worked for various companies until layoffs occurred in 1981. That is when Dane and Roxie decided to start their own business, which they named, "D & R Yard Care." This is still in operation in 1992.

Dane worked with various government contracts. At this time Roxie worked for the City of Camrose as a Parks and Recreation Lead - Hand. Roxie worked for the city for twelve years. She then retired from that job and continued with the Amway business, which she had started two years earlier, working out of their home.

The couple have built up successful businesses and have moved on to yet another venture; called Rude Esso and Car Wash, which opened February 1, 1992.

Above all, Dane and Roxie were blessed with four beautiful children of whom they are very proud. Levi Lars was born December 14, 1984.

Levi is presently attending Cornerstone Christian School in Camrose in Grade One. He also attended kindergarten there. Levi loves to draw and is very good in school.

Tabori Sue was born April 9, 1986. She is presently attending Kindergarten at the Cornerstone Christian School and she is also taking a ballet course in Tofield. Levi and Tabori are bussed to school.

Danae Teresa was born December 30, 1988. She is three years old and loves to play with her dollies. She sings and talks to them.

Dylan Lane Joseph was born September 22, 1990. Dylan enjoys being held and played with by his Dad and Mom. All the children were born at St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose.

Dane and Roxie enjoy their life together. They love to spend time doing things with their children. The couple have made long term plans to stay in the Bardo Community and become more involved as their children grow. They have also made plans to be involved with the building of Cornerstone Christian School. They are happy to be in the community of Bardo and hope to pass on the spirit to generations to come. Dane, Roxie, Levi, Tabori, Danae, Dylan Rude.



The Dane Rude family. Danae, Roxie, Levi, Dylan, Dane and Tabori. Taken in front of Esso on opening day - February 1, 1992.

David and Teresa Dawn (Rude) Lyons

by **Teresa Lyons**

I was born June 11, 1961, the fourth child of Lars and Gladys (Lehman) Rude. We lived on the Eide place with my earliest memories of being surrounded by family from my mother's side, the Mennonite Church and Grand Forks community, from my father's side the Lutheran Church and the Bardo community.

I loved my "Everyday Grandparents" and my "Sunday Grandparents." The names came from seeing my father's parents almost everyday and my mother's on Sundays.

As small children we loved playing in the hayloft which we, for some reason, called the "Hay Mountain." I guess since it was the tallest thing in sight.

I loved going to ball games at Bardo, especially when my dad played. One occasion which stands out in my memory is of someone in the stand making a negative remark about my dad's playing and us kids running to tell mom what was said.

I especially loved Bardo Sports Day which was "The Social Event" of the year for us kids. It also happened to fall on my birthday quite often which made it even more special. I also shared my birthdate with my great uncle, Emil Rude.

Christmas was always, and still is, the best time of the year – getting together with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Every year we enjoy the lutefisk, flatbread, lefsa, rosettes and scrolls. I remember going to the Lutheran Church at Christmas too. We would sing the Norwegian Christmas song, "I am so glad each Christmas Eve," as the children joined hands and walked in a circle around the Christmas tree.

Once I started school I belonged to a third community, Tofield. I always felt spoiled having so much family, friends, and places to belong to.

When I was in grade six we moved to the William Stauffer farm. It seemed like a mansion to me. Each of us had our own room and the house had running water which we all appreciated.

Then there was the summer of 1977 when my parents had the busiest summer of their lives, I'm sure. They withstood three daughters being married and a "Rude Reunion." I was married June 18, to David Lyons, son of Fred and Tineke Lyons of Lyons Farms Ltd. Ryley, Alberta. On June 25, Monica married Randy Patrie of Ryley and Anita married Philip Martin of Ryley, August 27. The reunion was the first weekend in July.

I guess we really liked Ryley men as several years later my sister, Cindy married a Ryley man

also, Phil's brother, Glen Martin. My brother Dane looked to Round Hill for his wife, Roxie Hayduk. (Although she did attend High School in Ryley.) So in a way it was Ryley all around as my father married a girl from the Ryley area also.

On November 18, 1980, David and I welcomed our twin daughters, Crystal Dawn and Sara Marie. At the time of their birth I belonged to a Bible study held at my mother's. Soon after I had the girls, Susan Francis (wife of my second cousin David Francis) found out she was having twins also. A third girl attending the Bible Study remarked how glad she was her husband's name wasn't David. She just happened to be pregnant at the time and thought twins might be catching if your husband's name was David.

Until I started working full time I tried to make it to Bardo Sports Day every year so my daughters could share in my wonderful memories of the community. We now reside in Leduc, Alberta, about fifty minutes from Bardo, but I think in my heart no matter where I am, Bardo will always be home to me.



David and Teresa Lyons, Crystal and Sara.

Raymond and Elizabeth (Betty) Brooks

Elizabeth Jane (Betty), third child of Clarence and Borghild Rude, was born at Bardo, Alberta, June 19, 1940. She was baptized, attended Sunday School, and received Confirmation Instruction at the Bardo Lutheran Church.

She was active in the Luther League and LDR – Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation – and in the summer time went to Hastings Lake Bible Camp. She attended school both at Anderson (Bardo) and Grand Forks.

While living with her sister, Alma Marie and brother-in-law Carl Nelson at Ferintosh taking grade eleven, she met her future husband, Raymond Brooks. He was born, April 6, 1938, in that district. After finishing school she moved to Camrose and worked at Brody's dry-goods store and St. Mary's Hospital. In 1958 Betty and Raymond were married in the Bardo Lutheran Church. They moved to Camrose where Raymond was employed at McLeod and Robinson stores until 1961. They then moved to Wetaskiwin where he worked at the Co-op Store and later traveled for the (Federated Co-op) in Central and Southern Alberta. He later became office manager for Wiederick Construction Ltd.

Their family consists of **Ricky**, born in Camrose, October 4, 1959. He married Carolyn Johnson, born August 11, 1958 of Spalding, Saskatchewan. Their three children were all born in Wetaskiwin, Lana, b. July 6, 1984; Rodney, b. August 29, 1987; and Nicole, b. May 25, 1990. They live on an acreage west of Wetaskiwin. They keep chickens, a few hogs and horses.



Raymond and Betty Brooks family – January, 1992. Back Row: Rick, Carolyn, Betty, Raymond, Kent. Front Row: Lana, Rodney, Nicole.

Ricky's interests are horses and hunting big game in season. He is usually successful in bagging a moose when the season is open for a draw. They enjoy the different sausages made from the meat. Carolyn is a very busy mother teaching the children in the home schooling program, working part-time in the Hospital as lab technologist, and sewing for the family. Both are involved in teaching Sunday School and work in the Church.

Kent was born October 21, 1965 in Edmonton. He lives in Wetaskiwin. His interests are fast cars, gun collecting and snowmobile racing.

Raymond is self-employed in his own floor covering business (The Carpet Centre) where both

sons are employed and Betty helps out as needed. Raymond and Betty both enjoy their acreage north of Wetaskiwin as well as a little farm with an old fashioned cabin at Battle Lake where they spend weekends with family and friends enjoying snowmobiling, skiing, hiking, horseback riding and cooking meals on the wood stove and baking bread and lefse. Old fashioned coal oil lamps provide light.

Raymond's horses are special to him. He loves trail riding in the mountains with family and friends.

Betty is very fond of birds and animals. She keeps the feeders full for the birds (Chickadees) that she also trained to come and eat from her hands. She does some sewing and handcraft, ceramics, knitting and crocheting. Summer keeps them both busy with yard care, growing flowers and a variety of vegetables.

During the years they have been involved in the Mission Church serving as Sunday school teachers, on Church Board, Christian Services Brigade, Pioneer Girls and Women's Ministries, helping and visiting elderly and the lonely which has been rewarding both to givers and receivers.

They praise God for His blessings and loving care over them and their family over the years.

Merlin and Joanne Rude

Joanne Rude

Merlin, youngest son of Clarence Rude, was born in the Bardo district in 1942, in the house he now resides in. He attended Anderson School, completing grade 10. While at school he was active in sports and won many ribbons in track meets. He was also catcher for the Bardo ball team for several years. Merlin was not very interested in studying, so at the completion of grade 10, he quit school and remained on the farm helping his dad.

In 1965, he was engaged to Joanne Lauber and decided he needed some extra money to get married. In the spring of 1966, he went to High Level to haul water for oil rigs. After this experience he decided farming was a much better life, and returned home. In 1966, he married Joanne Lauber, (born October 25, 1945) daughter of Clarence and Wilma Lauber, who was then employed at the University Hospital as a ward clerk. After returning from their honeymoon, Merlin and Joanne moved to the Lauber farm, a mile north of Dodds, and lived there until 1968. After that, they moved to Merlin's dad's farm (NW 19-14-18 W4), and purchased it in 1973. They did some renovations to the house.

Besides farming and raising beef cattle, Merlin finds time to load up his horses and go riding in the mountains with family or friends. Every fall since 1960, Merlin, in the company of relatives and friends, has gone big game hunting. They always manage to bring home something to make speke kjøtt (dried meat).

Merlin and Joanne are both involved in church, and attend Bible camp every summer with family and friends. Joanne enjoys helping Merlin on the farm, keeping farm records, helping chore, and mowing lawn. She also loves gardening.

For several years now, both sides of the family have planted a garden on the farm. They have many good conversations together while shelling peas, cutting corn off the cob, and butchering chickens and beef. Immediate and extended family play an important role in their lives. Merlin and Joanne have four children, Wally, Trudy, Angela, and Jody.



Merlin Rude family. Back Row: Joanne, Wally, Merlin. Front Row: Jody, Angela, Trudy.

Wally James Rude

by Wally Rude

A centennial baby boy with big brown eyes (a rarity in the Rude/Lauber clan) was born in the Tofield Hospital May 31, 1967, with much delight to his mother, and given a royal welcome as Queen Petra Stauffer introduced his birth to his father. This little one was named Wally James Rude and spent his childhood days growing up on the Clarence Rude home place (NW 19-49-18 W4).

Wally was very keen at sports which led him to participate in activities such as baseball, basketball, and track and field. He graduated from Tofield High School in 1985. He also liked, being outside a lot and began to appreciate nature at a very young age as he tried to turn the sun off and on with a light switch (remember, he did have a Scandinavian Father).

At a very young age he decided to commit his life in service to Jesus Christ. This commitment was furthered as he attended Capernwray Bible School in Sweden for a year, where he came to the stunning realization that a life with Christ is everything and one without it is nothing. He has since been back to Europe twice. He was also able to hone his "people meeting" and "talking" skills (A gift passed down from his parents).

Wally is particularly grateful to his mother and father, as well as his Godparents (Carl and Alma Nelson), along with many other family members and friends, for the important role they played in all areas of his life. Wally's interest in the out-of-doors led him to a career in resource management. At the University of Alberta he received a BSc in Forestry in 1990, and was given the privilege of making a valedictorian speech upon graduation.

The delight of his summers during his university years came from his involvement in a government youth program for teens called Junior Forest Rangers. Wally worked with the Alberta Forest Service before finally finding steady work as a forester with Weyerhaeuser in Drayton Valley. His favorite portion of scripture comes from Psalm 37:3-7 and he wishes that all mankind would take these words to heart.



Wally Rude, Supervisor of Junior Forest Ranger boys at Lac La Biche, Alberta.

Douglas and Trudy (Rude) Gordon

by Trudy (Rude) Gordon

Trudy Rude was born at the Tofield Hospital on July 19, 1968. She almost drowned when she fell into a stock tank full of water when she was a year old. She was baptized and confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church.

During her school years, she was involved in student council, basketball, track and field, and the 4H Beef Club. After graduating from Tofield High School in 1986, she attended Living Faith Bible College at Caroline, Alberta. The following year she took a short term missions trip to Asia, and spent 6 months teaching English and working with a church in Tainan, Taiwan. She then returned to Living Faith Bible College and graduated with a 2-year diploma in Biblical Studies.

It was also during Trudy's second year at Living Faith that she met her "husband to be," Douglas Gordon. Doug formerly attended High School at Living Faith, and returned there to do a year of internship. He was working on a degree in Theology and Missiology at Bethany College of Missions in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was required to intern for a year as part of his program. The following year Doug worked on his fourth year at Bethany College of Missions, and Trudy attended her first year there. They were engaged on December 21, 1989 on a DC 10 plane somewhere over North Dakota on their way home for Christmas holidays.

They were married the following year, September 1, 1990. In February they took a 2-month trip to Indonesia where they visited Doug's parents who are missionaries there. Trudy greatly enjoys the outdoors and has worked several summers for a government youth development program entitled Junior Forest Rangers. She is



Douglas and Trudy (Rude) Gordon.

presently attending NAIT in the Dental Assisting program, and Doug is working in Edmonton. They plan to return to Minnesota where Doug will complete a Degree in Business.

Angela Joy Rude

Angela Rude

Angela Joy Rude was born on January 26, 1972. The morning she was born, it was 50 degrees below zero on the Fahrenheit scale. She went to Tofield School through grades one to twelve. During school, she was involved in the 4-H Beef Club, active on the Student's Union council, and enjoyed playing basketball. She also took 11 years of classical piano lessons, and gave piano lessons to young beginners for three years.

For the last three summers, she has been employed with the Alberta Government as a cook with the Junior Forest Ranger program, being in camps in various parts of Alberta. Angela graduated from Tofield School in the spring of 1990, with an Advanced Diploma. In the fall of 1990, she ventured off to Holsby Brunn, Sweden, where she attended Fackelbararnas Bibelskola. While in Sweden, she had the opportunity to study the Bible in depth, learn more about the Swedish part of her heritage, and also pick up a bit of the Swedish language. She also had the opportunity to travel with her brother Wally, and sister Jody, and a few of her cousins across Europe.

She is presently pursuing a career in nursing, and has almost completed her first year of a four-year degree program, (1992) starting at the Misericordia School of Nursing in Edmonton.



Angela Rude, 1993. Second year, Nurse's Training. Residence, Misericordia Hospital.

Jody Rude

by Jody Rude

Jody Rude, youngest daughter of Merlin Rude was born on September 30, 1974. Jody attended Tofield School and will graduate from high school the spring of 1992. Jody has been involved in the

Tofield 4-H Beef Club. She loves playing basketball and participating in track and field.

In grade 9, she won the female athlete of the year award at school. She also has won some County records in track and field. Other interests of hers are skiing and camping. Her cousin, Dane Rude keeps her busy babysitting and employs her for the summer months mowing lawns for D&R Yard Care.



Jody Rude, Grade Twelve Graduation.

Emil Joseph and Hildur Rude by Wyonne Whidden

Emil, the second son of Chris and Bertha Marie Rude, was born at Neilsville, Minnesota. In his childhood Emil had to help with the outside chores. Riding his pony, Queenie, he would bring in the cows for milking. They strayed far and wide on the open prairie. At the early age of nine Emil had to run the mower cutting "prairie-wool" which had been mixed with pea-vine. Later, upland grass was cut out on the prairie, hauled home and made into stacks.

Emil bought a quarter of land two and one-half miles north of Dodds. During World War 1 he was drafted but fortunately he was not sent to France before the armistice. While in the Twenty-



Threshing time, 1920. Afternoon lunch at Emil Rude's shack.

first Reserve Battalion Band he played the alto horn. When he returned he married Hildur Eggen who was an exceptionally good cook. She enjoyed music and took music lessons from Miss Barlowe. Hildur did the most beautiful crocheting and had a special gift of combining colors in her fancy work.



Emil and Hildur (Eggen) Rude.

Emil and Hildur often befriended Indians travelling between Saddle Lake Reserve, the Hobbema Reserve and their cultural celebrations at Banff. They would spend the night in their yard using their own tents. In exchange for bread and eggs Emil and Hildur would receive cleaned, frozen white fish.



Hildur and Emil Rude.

Emil and Hildur raised a family of six children: Wyonne, Charles, Carmen, Eugene, Dale and Lawrence. The children attended Solberg school until they moved to the Eggen homestead in the Grand Forks School District where the four youngest attended school. In 1965, Hildur died from cancer and her resting place is in the Bardo Cemetery.

Emil was an ardent baseball player and enjoyed curling, too. It was after serious knee problems that he was forced to give up these sports. Then he retired from farming and moved into Tofield in 1967. In 1977, at the age of 81 years, he came through a plastic-steel knee operation with flying colors. Again at 85 he came through a gall bladder operation. He enjoyed driving his car, talking and visiting with people.

In June of 1988, due to health reasons, Emil moved into the Tofield Auxiliary Hospital. He takes an interest in all the activities and especially music that is presented by churches, clubs and family.

Harold and Wyonne (Rude) Whidden by Wyonne Whidden

I was born in 1925, the eldest of a family of six born to Emil and Hildur Rude. When I started school, Edna Yoder was my first teacher. This school was filled with active students from grades one to nine.

My senior high school years were spent at Anderson High and Tofield High Schools. After finishing war-time teacher training, I had the challenge of teaching forty students from grades one to ten. Throughout the following years I taught at Kinsella, Viking, Strawberry Plains and Amisk.

January 31, 1948, Harold Whidden and I were married. We had three children: Lee, Colleen, and Loren.

Lee is an agricultural graduate and worked at the Vancouver grain terminals before spending fourteen years at Hi-Grade feedlot. Now he is the president of the Battle River Feeders Association and a Councillor in the M.D. of Provost, Alberta. He married Bonnie Rombough of Hardisty and they have three sons: Garrett, Ryan and Brandon.

Colleen married Peter Adams of Czar who owns two feedlots. They have two children: Tammy and Trenton. Community activities keep them busy.

Loren married Katherine Bethge and they have two sons: Malcolm and Blair. He farms and during the winter he works at West View feedlot.



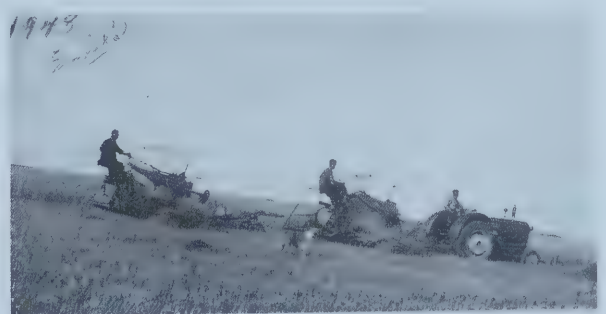
Wyonne and Harold Whidden family. Back Row: Wyonne, Harold, Peter and Coleen Adams, Trenton Adams, Lee, Bonnie, Lorne, Kathy Whidden. Front Row: Tammy Adams, Ryan, Brandon, Garrett, Blair, Malcolm Whidden.

Charles Rude (by the family)

Charles Arnold Rude, oldest son of Emil and Hildur Rude, was born in the Dodds area on December 29, 1926. He was raised two miles north of Dodds and attended Solberg School and later, Anderson (Bardo) School.

As Charles was growing up he spent much of his time involved with the farm. The summer Charles was seven, he drove a team of horses to bring in feed for the winter. A neighbor, Ingolf Brekkan, was driving the other team. One day Charles had a runaway and while trying to help Charles, Ingolf's team spooked, straddled, and took down a half mile of fence. Meanwhile, Charles ended up in the field where his Dad and Glen Hilrud were mowing. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but they spent the rest of the day fixing fence.

In the 1930's Emil Rude, Clarence Rude, and Monrad Finseth had a threshing outfit. In the fall of 1939, when Charles and his cousin, LeRoy



Fall, 1948. Harvesting on the Tom Rorem place where Emil Rude's lived. Gene on the tractor, Charles on the first binder and Emil on the last binder. Fifty-acre wheat field yielded 20 bushels per acre.

Finseth, were thirteen, they were able to help on the threshing crew with their fathers.

The Rude home was only two miles north of Dodds Coal Mine. Charles spent some of his summers strip mining at the mine. Each farmer worked for two weeks in the summer to pay for their winter fuel. As coal was one dollar per ton this helped to reduce the family's expenses.

When Charles was sixteen, he left Grade nine to farm with his father. Later he worked in a sawmill north of Hythe stacking lumber. He would go by train in November, then return home in the spring. He earned 55 cents per hour.

Charles also worked at Dodds Coal Mine shovelling coal during the winter. He earned 90 cents per hour.

Just before he was married, Charles started a trucking business called "C.A. Rude General Trucking". In the Tofield area Charles would haul gravel in the summer and coal in the winter. He continued trucking until 1960. During these years he also continued to farm.

In the summer of 1953 Charles met Pauline Francis (born March 18, 1931 in Tofield). Pauline was born and raised north of Tofield. At the time of their marriage, she was working at the Tofield Municipal Hospital and later, the Co-op Grocery Store. Pauline returned to work at the hospital and continued to work there nineteen years. Charles and Pauline were married June 12, 1954 in Tofield.

After their wedding they lived on Christian Rude's homestead for three years, then moved to the Annebo place for three years. While Charles and Pauline lived at the Rude homestead, they used gas lamps, burned coal and wood for heat, and hauled water. In 1960 they decided to buy Iver and Olfrid Moen's place where they presently farm (SE 1/4-36-49-19-4).

Charles and Pauline's early farming life was difficult because they were hauled out the first few years. Charles and Pauline milked cows until 1972, and they continue to have a commercial beef herd. Grain farming has continued to be a big part of their farming operation.

Charles's love for baseball had never faded. He enjoyed the sport through school and continued to play in the 'Oldtimers'. They have both been actively involved with their church and the Bardo community. Charles and Pauline also enjoy cross-country skiing, and spending time with their family. They have six children: Linda, Lois, Brian, Darlene, Shirley, and Barry.

Charles and Pauline retired from the farm in 1992 and moved into a new home in Tofield.



Charles Rude family. Back Row: Shirley, Barry, Linda, Darlene, Brian, Lois. Front Row: Pauline, Charles.

Berreth, Dale and Linda

Linda (born May 16, 1955) – graduated from Tofield High School, then attended, and graduated from the Royal Alexandra School of Nursing in Edmonton. She then attended Bible College in Calgary for a few years. Linda married Dale Berreth, February 13, 1982, and they reside in Calgary. She is presently nursing at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary. Dale is a Communication Electrician working for Alberta Government Telephones. They enjoy camping and water skiing with their family and are actively involved with their church. Linda and Dale have three children: Curtis (born February 12, 1985), Brittney (born October 20, 1986), and Kelsey (born October 30, 1988).



Linda and Dale Berreth, Brittney, Kelsey, Curtis.

Haugen, Terence and Lois

Lois, (born July 22, 1956) – Following graduation from Tofield High School, Lois attended Bible College in Calgary. She also worked as a secretary in both Calgary and Edmonton. Lois married Terence Haugen on November 1, 1980. Terry enjoyed trucking, hunting, and had a great love for the outdoors. Terry and Lois had a mixed farming operation. They enjoyed camping and visiting with friends. During the writing of this history, Terry suddenly passed away on December 30, 1991, into the presence of the Lord. They were, and Lois continues to be actively involved in the church and community. Their lives were blessed with four children: Alissa (born October 5, 1982), Dalen (born August 22, 1984), Nadine (born January 8, 1987), and Evan (born December 19, 1988).

Lois and her family are still living on the Haugen homeplace. Lois's dedication continues to be evident through her commitment to her family, church, and community.



Lois and Terry Haugen, Dalen, Nadine, Alissa, Evan.

Rude, Brian and Hjordis

Brian (born January 20, 1958) – After leaving Tofield High School, Brian attended Bible College in Calgary and also apprenticed as a Heavy Duty Mechanic. Brian hauled logs in Grande Prairie for a few winters. He continued to enjoy helping on his father's farm even after he left home. Brian married Hjordis Thompson on October 11, 1980. Hjordis worked as a Registered Nursing Assistant in the first year of their marriage. They lived south of Tofield and then moved to Caroline, Alberta, ranched for a few years and in 1988, they moved their operation to Beaverlodge, Alberta. They have

both a commercial herd and raise purebred Salers cattle. The Lord has blessed them with three children: Amy (born May 18, 1982), Erica (born November 3, 1984) and Lee (born April 10, 1987). They enjoy many family outdoor activities.



Brian and Hjordis Rude, Leelan, Amy, Erica.

Vath, Clarence and Darlene

Darlene (born February 5, 1959) – Following graduation from Tofield High School, Darlene attended Bible College for one year. She then worked in Edmonton as a secretary. Darlene has fond memories of Grandpa (Emil) Rude inviting her and her brothers and sisters for car rides. He always said "Only one or two at a time, though!" Darlene married Clarence Vath on May 12, 1979. They lived in Edmonton until they moved to the original Bardo Lutheran Church site in 1985. Clarence is a Journeyman Machinist and presently works in Edmonton. Darlene and Clarence are actively involved in their church and community. They enjoy spending time with family and friends, and camping in the summer with their three children: Ryan (born January 1, 1982), Megan (born October 13, 1983), and Kevin (born August 4, 1986).



The Clarence Vath family. Megan, Darlene, Clarence, Ryan, Kevin.

Coombes, Jerry and Shirley

Shirley (born November 21, 1962) – Shirley graduated from Tofield High School and has held various jobs in Calgary and Edmonton. She enjoys skiing and reading. Shirley married Jerry Coombes on August 20, 1988 and they are living southwest of Tofield. She is presently working in the Tofield Health Centre. Jerry owns and operates “Economy Concrete” and also works as a mechanic. They have two children: Jessica (born April 28, 1990), and Karlie (born February 5, 1992).



Shirley, Karlie, Jessica, Jerry Coombes – 1992.

Rude, Barry and Christy

Barry (born December 8, 1963) – After graduating from Tofield High School, Barry attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and became a journeyman plumber. Barry married Christy Watt on August 11, 1984. Christy has worked at the Tofield and Camrose hospitals as a Registered X-Ray Technician. Barry and Christy farm with Barry’s father, Charles, in the Bardo area. Farming with Charles has given Barry the opportunity to continue plumbing, and trucking in the winters. His interest in mechanics has contributed to his work. Barry and Christy enjoy skiing and spending time with family and friends. They are actively involved in their community. Barry and Christy have two children: Morgan (born May 18, 1990), and Lana (born March 11, 1992).

Barry, Christy and girls moved to the homeplace in the fall of 1992.



Christy, Lana, Morgan, Barry Rude – June, 1992.

Carmen Klein (Rude)

Carmen was born on July 5, 1930, the third child of Emil and Hildur Rude. She attended school at Solberg, Rosegarland (north of Viking) where her sister, Wyonne, was teaching, Grand Forks and Anderson High School (Bardo). After that she attended Camrose Lutheran College. The last year at C.L.C. she took a Commercial course



Edwin and Carmen Klein.

and then obtained a job at Viking, Alberta. Here she met her husband, Edwin Klein, who raises Hereford cattle and has a mixed grain farming operation. They were married on July 3, 1954 at Bardo Lutheran Church.

Carmen held many positions in the Evangelical Lutheran Womens' group, taught Sunday School, helped with confirmation classes, sang in the choir and acted as church treasurer. She was baptised and confirmed in Bardo Lutheran Church, also attended Sunday School and Luther League. Another job for Carmen was being Edwin's secretary when he was the 4-H Beef Club leader for fifteen years. Carmen helps on the farm when needed – especially being the 'go-pher' girl. She grows a good size garden. Carmen and Edwin have five children, two girls and three boys. They all attended Viking School.



The Edwin Klein family. Top: Judy, Gordon and Cathy Klein, Cody, Colin and Curtis; Carolyn and Robin Lamoureux, Simon and Joshua. Bottom: Daniel; Greg and Rosalie Klein. Insert: Amiah Rose Klein.

Judy was born in April, 1955. When she graduated from High School she entered the Nursing Program at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton. She graduated in 1976 and worked in the Intensive Care Unit for premature and sick babies there. Judy has worked in Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and High Level Hospitals. In 1983 she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She is now working in Meader River, north of High Level, as a Health Unit Nurse.

Gordon was born in 1958. After graduation he started farming with his Dad. In August, 1981, he married Cathy Kallal of Tofield. They have three boys – Cody (born 1984), Colin (born 1986) and Curtis (born 1988). They all enjoy farm life. Gordon and Cathy are both involved in Church, school and community affairs.

Daniel was born in 1960. He took a course in Electronic Machine Accounting after graduating from High School. Over the years he has taken courses in computer and has worked in Calgary and Edmonton. Now Daniel works for the Government as a Registration Clerk for the Maintenance and Enforcement Program.

Carolyn was born in 1962. After graduation she attended Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Camrose, Alberta, then went to NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology), Edmonton, where she graduated as a Medical X-Ray Technician. She worked in Edmonton and Calgary. On November 12, 1988 she married Robin Lamoureux of Edmonton. He is a commercial air pilot. They have lived in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, and for a short period of time, in Montreal in 1991 – 1992. They have now (1992) returned to Edmonton. Carolyn and Robin have two sons – Joshua, born in 1990, and Simon, born in 1992.

Greg was born in 1965. When he finished high school, Greg helped on the farm until he got a job with a pipeline crew, laying pipe. Then he worked for San-Gel Cementers of Lloydminster. While working for this company he was transferred to Brooks, Alberta. During the time Greg worked for San-Gel he received two promotions, one to Service Foreman and the second to Assistant Manager. On June 30, 1990, Greg married Rosalie Kroetsch of Forestburg. A daughter, Amiah Rose, was born to Greg and Rosalie on May 22, 1993. Rosalie is a combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technician working in Hardisty and Killam hospitals.

All of the children have been active in church, 4-H Beef Club and community activities. They all love to travel.

Rude, Eugene

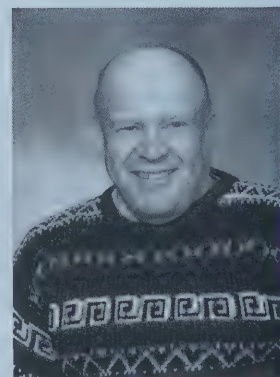
Eugene (Gene), son of Emil and Hildur Rude was born on July 3, 1934 and was raised on a farm north of the Dodds Coal Mine. He attended Solberg and Grand Forks schools and then went to Anderson School for Junior High and grade ten.

Gene gained employment with Trans Canada Air (Air Canada) in Edmonton. While he was working there he took a radio and television correspondence course and passed with high marks. Afterwards he began apprenticing on his day off with a television repair company. During this time, he built a television set. When Gene finished his apprenticeship, he was enticed by the north and went to work for the Federal Government doing radio maintenance. His job included doing high rigging on communication towers at airports in Northwest Canada.

In 1962, while working in the north, Gene was involved in a serious accident. He was attempting to change an insulator on top of a seventy foot radio pole. After Gene had loosened the antenna the guy wire snapped and unfortunately the pole had rotted off at the bottom and therefore fell over, whipping back and forth with Gene attached. He was flown from Whitehorse to the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton in a special oxygen-pressurized plane. Gene has miraculously recovered.

More recently, Gene has worked at the Sherwood Park Recreation Centre. While working there, he attended the Ice Makers School and received a certificate from the Northern Alberta Curling Association. He is also an Ice Technician Level I Qualification with Curl Canada.

Presently, Gene is helping his brother, Lawrence, on the farm where he has continued to be involved over the years. Gene enjoys watching curling and baseball and going for coffee!



Eugene Rude.

Lawrence & Diane (Boness) Rude

by Diane and Rochelle Rude

Diane was born on June 12, 1943 in Camrose. She married Lawrence Rude on October 10, 1964 in Salem Lutheran Church in Kingman. Lawrence was born on July 14, 1938 in Tofield to Emil and Hildur (Eggen) Rude. Lawrence and Diane purchased the former Peder Moen farm in the Amisk Creek area in 1972 (NW10-50-18). Diane received her education in Kingman and Round Hill and also has a permanent teaching certificate.

She taught school in Round Hill and Ryley for 5 years till 1967. Lawrence received his education at Solberg, Grand Forks and Anderson schools. Lawrence had lived with his parents, Emil and Hildur Rude on the Peder Moen farm 3 years prior to marrying Diane. They lived in the little house by the road for 3 years and then moved to the bigger house. Lawrence and Diane operate a mixed farm of grain and cattle and rent additional land in the area. Lawrence has been actively involved with sports: coaching hockey for 14 years at various levels, curling and baseball. He has been very active on various boards of the Bardo Lutheran Church over the years. Diane enjoys curling, watching hockey and baseball events. She is active in the church, serving in various positions in the congregation, ELW and Sunday School.

Lawrence and Diane have 2 children: Rochelle and Kent. Rochelle was born September 1, 1968 in Tofield. She was educated at Ryley School and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Augustana University College in 1989. She spent a year working prior to attending school in Stavern, Norway in 1990-1991. She studied Norwegian language, culture, weaving, cooking and choir. In December 1990, Lawrence and Diane took a trip to southern Norway to visit Rochelle while she attended school there. In May 1991, the school year ended with a field trip to Austria which was a most memorable experience. Rochelle enjoys travelling, reading, music, and writing letters to friends in Norway, Germany, England and to a special girlfriend from Latvia currently studying in Norway. In May 1992, Rochelle took a trip back to Norway to attend the wedding of a special English friend whom she had gone to school with there.

Kent was born on January 13, 1972 on a "minus 50 degrees day" in Tofield. He was educated in Ryley, Holden and Tofield schools. He is currently enrolled at the University of Alberta in Agriculture and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1994. Kent played hockey

from age 6 to 18; a fast and skilled skater with an aggressive bodycheck. After shoulder surgery in August 1991, he continues to play recreational hockey with the U of A Farmhouse Fraternity and is involved with the Agriculture Club. He has worked at various summer jobs. During the summer of 1992, he worked full time on the farm with his dad, Lawrence.



Lawrence and Diane Rude, Rochelle and Kent.

Bjornson, Peter and Myrtle

(Information from Myrtle)

Myrtle Lillian was born September 15, 1905, to Christian and Bertha Rude. She was baptized into the Lutheran Faith. She has worked faithfully through the years in the organizations of the Lutheran Church. Her father instilled in her an interest in world events which continued all her life. She has a good memory for people, places and events. Myrtle attended Camrose Normal School and started her teaching career in 1924. She taught a total of 25 years and received Life Membership in the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Leaman, forty miles east of Edson, was her first school. The log school had a flat-topped heater which burned thirty inch lengths of wood. School operated from mid-September to mid-May. Myrtle had to walk ¼ mile through the forest. It took a brave heart for both teacher and students, as bears were seen, as well as the occasional report



Leaman School. First school, 1924. (Insert: Myrtle Rude).

of timber wolf packs being sighted in the district. One day Miss Rude and students put out a grass fire started by cinders from the train. Luckily water was close by. A reprieve from school was declared with a hike and a picnic by the Lobstick River bridge. Oscar, Miss Rude's faithful protector, age twelve and a six-footer, always carried a gun while tramping through the forest.

Myrtle was extremely home-sick. She drank gallons of water, but had no appetite. The lady with whom she boarded, a nurse, gave good advice and 'pep' talks like Dad Rude had done. Myrtle steeled herself to endure. A surprise visit by her Dad, and sister Irene was received with joy! A telephone was installed in the General Store and Myrtle was invited to make the first long distance call. She called home!

Leaman was a district of homesteaders, squatters, sawmills and hunters. Wagon trails were used by all. Travellers of various and interesting occupations stopped at the store, which was an eating place and overnight stop. Electrical storms echoing through the forest were fascinating to hear and watch. There were many and varied experiences - boating on Chip Lake, picking berries on the island, social functions in surrounding communities, and shopping in Edson. One Model-T Ford was used to travel on the rough Grand Trunk railway bed, which became the Jasper Highway.

Myrtle learned about people and how to conduct a school to the benefit of each child in a district of different nationalities and modes of living in the so-called 'back-woods'.

Tribute is given to Dad and Mother Rude for their support, the Store Lady, (Myrtle's first friend away from home) and to the Secretary-Treasurer from Stony Plain and the Inspector from Edmonton who said, "Well done under trying circumstances". These five gave her encourage-

ment and stamina to believe she could become a Teacher with a capital 'T'.

Myrtle taught the Senior Room at Anderson School (Bardo) from the fall of 1926 to the spring of 1930. She loved teaching, with the most difficult experiences being to restore discipline in three schools, strengthen the English language in one, and a three year position in an Opportunity Room with as many grades as pupils.

Peter Ingolf Bjornson was born in Bardu, Norway, May 23, 1904. There were eleven siblings. He had two years of High School, one year of Technical School, eighteen months of Carpentry and two and one half years in the Army Engineer Corps. Peter immigrated to Canada in 1928, arriving at the home of his Uncle, Asbjorn Moen, in Bardo, Alberta. He helped build the Lakeshore and McKenzie schools, and houses for the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Peter and Myrtle were married February 11, 1930. They both attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in 1932. Peter was interested in restoring artifacts in the Community. The log school, on land donated by George Hendrickson was to be a museum. This did not materialize.

Peter was sports minded and helped organize the Bardo Athletic Association in 1945. Peter was the first President. Myrtle worked with a group to draw up the original constitution. Axel Kindley, Edward Steen and Peter were the originators of a golf course in Axel's pasture, but this was not developed. Peter remained an avid golfer and scored a hole-in-one at the Tofield Golf Course in 1987. He was the famous skier of Northern Norway and Western Canada in his day, achieving many championships in jumping, including being selected to the Canadian Olympic Team in 1932. Unfortunately, finances prohibited him from participating in these Olympics, held at Lake Placid, New York. He continued cross-country skiing until he was in his eighties.

The years 1934-1938 were spent farming, however, the elements did not co-operate so Peter returned to construction work. Myrtle and Peter had a family of three - Iris, Dennis and Dale. They moved to Edmonton in 1946. Peter worked for the Edmonton Exhibition Association. He became a self-employed building contractor. In 1948 the family spent a year in Norway. Later, Peter worked for the Federal Department of Transport, Government of Canada. His schooling and training in Norway qualified him to be classed as a Construction Technician. He became a Superintendent of Construction for the D.O.T.



Peter Bjornson (skis), Edmonton Ski Hill, 1930's.



Peter and Myrtle Bjornson. Myrtle, Peter, Iris, Dennis, Dale.

Morse Code was learned, when supervising Airport jobs, in order to clear the tarmac for incoming planes. Building of the first two passenger bridges at the Edmonton International Airport was supervised by Peter.

While living in Edmonton, Peter worked with 'Teen Challenge'. TIP, a pamphlet with a spiritual challenge was left with his customary tip. Peter and Myrtle retired to Tofield in 1975. They kept active in Church, Community and the Golden Club. Their Golden Wedding was celebrated in 1980. They received the new Alberta Crest in honor of their 60th Anniversary. They enjoyed visits with family and friends. Both travelled across Canada, to the North, to the U.S.A. and made several trips to Norway. Myrtle and daughter, Iris cruised the Trans Panama Canal in 1990. Retirement in Tofield ceased in 1989 when illness struck, causing a move to son, Dennis' home in Edmonton. Peter passed away October 6, 1990. He is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Myrtle chose to make her home in the Tofield Senior Citizens' Lodge.



Peter and Myrtle Bjornson – Fifty-ninth Wedding Anniversary, 1989. Back Row: Carol and Dennis Bjornson, Iris and Glenn Francis, Elaine and Dale Bjornson. Sitting: Myrtle and Peter.

Francis, Glenn and Iris

(by Iris)

Iris Marie, only daughter of Peter and Myrtle Bjornson, was born October 16, 1930 at the Finseth farm, in Bardo. A blizzard was raging so her Uncle Monrad Finseth went by team to get Dr. Law, who was stuck in a snowdrift. She was Baptized and Confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church. Uncle Monrad, Aunty Alice and Iver and Olfrid Moen were her sponsors.

Iris loved visiting the 'white house', as she called the home of her Grandparents. She insisted Aunty Nora do everything for her except butter her bread. Grandma had to do it because she covered the whole slice not just the middle! Living on the 'Fisher' place near cousin Carmen was special. They had lots of fun cutting paper dolls out of the catalogue and making rooms with strips of paper.

The 'Slind' farm, south of Ryley, near Shaw school had a wonderful maple grove which housed a playhouse made of twine. Riding Old Rock to the field with lunch for her Dad, or Dolly, a stubborn old mare, was great fun. Iris called Dolly her colt. She would back up the hill or down the lane and then make a beeline for the barn. Iris started school at Shaw where she learned to READ!

In 1940, her parents moved a 'shanty' onto the Finseth farm. They lived there a short while before moving, shanty and all, to the Grand Forks school corner on the C.J. Rude land, where her mother was 'Teacher' for a number of years. School days were spent at Shaw, Ryley, Ingram, Anderson, Ustia and Grand Forks. Because the family moved to Edmonton in 1946, grades ten and eleven were taken at Eastwood.

The Bjornson family spent one year in Norway (1948-1949) getting to know the grandparents and relatives in that distant land. After returning, Iris took grade twelve at Camrose Lutheran College. Due to a shortage of teachers, one year in the Faculty of Education provided a Teacher Certificate. 1951-1955 were spent at Lakeshore School north of Tofield on the Creamery Road.

William Glenn, born March 2, 1930 to parents George and Laura Francis, grew up on the farm. He attended school at Lakeshore, McKenzie and Three Hills. He preferred working to schooling so spent four winters logging at the Galloway Lumber Co. near Fernie, B.C. During the spring he rented land and seeded a crop. Two out of four crops were hailed out.

A story is told about Glenn when he was just a little boy. He lit a strawstack on fire. When asked why, he said that it took two matches to light the gas lamp so he didn't think one match would do anything.

Glenn and Iris were married on July 31, 1953. Their first home was on the Seal place north of Tofield. The next year Glenn, with help, built a house on his parents' farm. The house was sold in 1959 to Mr. R. Murray and moved to Tofield. The Gene Carlisles' own the house now. Glenn,



Glenn and Iris Francis.

Iris and family lived in the little house at Finseth's for awhile before moving to their present home in 1960.

Glenn is gifted in being able to see how most jobs should be done and then doing it. He is a skilled, self-taught welder. Many times he has repaired machinery for himself and neighbors. Farming is his main interest together with his herd of black Angus cattle.



Glenn Francis, spring, 1981. Tractor and Farmhand.

Glenn worked 'up north' with the Department of Transport (1957), operated his own backhoe, installed sewer systems and plumbed, spent one summer on road construction, operated a 'cat' and worked with a Feedmobile for a time.

Glenn and Iris bought the Steen homestead (N.E.1/4-24-49-18-W4), in 1959 and her Grandfather's homestead (S.W.1/4-18-49-18-W4) in 1963. A quarter of land in the Miquelon Hills was bought from his mother after his dad's death. Besides being a pasture, the land is used for skiing, hiking or relaxing. Grandpa Rude's chicken house was renovated and moved to the pasture quarter in 1979. Many have enjoyed the cosy cabin which is named the 'Super Koop'.

Iris worked part-time for Everitt's Foodland for three years. In 1964 she returned to teaching. Eighteen years were spent with Grade one and two at Round Hill. Then she moved, by choice, to the Camrose Hutterite Colony in 1982 where she was Principal for five years. Iris took early retirement in 1987 with a total of twenty-seven teaching years.

Three children, David Glenn, Carol Ann and Ilene Marie, together with their spouses and four grandchildren have completed the family.



Silver Wedding, 1978. Back Row: David, Glenn. Front Row: Ilene, Iris, Carol Ann.



Iris Francis, Principal, Camrose Hutterite Colony School, 1982-1987. Office in the new building.

Francis, David and Susan (by David)

I, Dave, was born December 16, 1955 in the Tofield Hospital. My parents, Glenn and Iris Francis, lived on my Grandparents' George and Laura Francis farm north of Tofield on the Creamery road. They bought the Steen farm and moved into the Bardo Community in 1960. Later, they bought the Christian Rude farm (homestead) approximately 1 1/2 miles south of the Steen place.

My sisters, Carol Ann and Ilene and I attended school in Tofield, I graduated in 1974. During the following years I have had a number of occupations. The most memorable being the backhoe - trenching business that my Dad started. I operated this until 1981, when I decided to pursue a career in the Pipe trade. This included becoming a plumber, gasfitter, steamfitter - pipefitter. I have obtained Provincial and Inter-provincial tickets. I am currently working in the Construction industry.

On May 6th, 1978 Susan Sorken became my wife (for which I am still very pleased). Susan was born September 29, 1957 at Killam, Alberta. As it turned out I am glad that her family moved to Tofield in 1967. She graduated in 1975 and enrolled in the Dental Assistant program at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. She worked in this profession for two years in Edmonton. When we were married and lived in Tofield, she went to work for the Alberta Treasury Branch. Susan changed careers again in 1981 when our daughters Lauren Marie and Trelaine Nicole were born. She became a super Mom with twins to look after. She stayed with that until the girls went to school. In 1986

Susan was asked to come back to the Treasury Branch for summer relief. Well, that turned into a position where she works sixty-nine percent of a working day.

My family is the fourth and fifth generations to live on my Great Grandfather, Chris and Great Grandmother, Bertha Rude's homestead, located four miles south of Anderson School, next door to Grand Forks School (Community Centre).

We moved a mobile home here in 1980 and in 1984 we again moved a 1917 model house across the fields from the Weber farm. We renovated and now have a very comfortable home. As a family we enjoy outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, which we learned from Grandpa Pete Bjornson, camping, bicycling and baseball. We are involved with the Bardo Lutheran Church and Bardo Recreation Association. Trelaine and Lauren are taking piano lessons. They are in Grade five in school and are involved with intramurals, craft club and choir. Lauren also belongs to a girls' club at the Salem Mennonite Church called Venture Club. Susan is now becoming an avid water color painter, doing outdoor scenes. I enjoy reading but I especially enjoy spending time with my family and friends.



David and Susan Francis, Lauren and Trelaine – 1991.

Family History of Carol Ann (Francis) Adair

(by Carol Ann)

My name is Carol Ann (Francis) Adair, born to Iris (Bjornson) Francis and (William) Glenn Francis, on August 19, 1957 in the Tofield Municipal Hospital, Tofield, Alberta. I was raised on a farm 8 miles south of Tofield on the Round Hill Road, where Mom and Dad reside today. I attended the Tofield Public School where I completed Grades 1-12 and graduated in June, 1975.

Starting in Grade 7, I was involved in all seasonal sports such as softball, volleyball, basketball, and badminton, all of which I enjoyed very much. Basketball was my favorite. I did try 4-H, but only long enough to obtain a calf, and not long enough to halter-break it. I wasn't thrilled with having a 400 pound calf stomping around and bumping into me.

I tried various part-time jobs while in Junior High. I worked at Dykeman's Confectionary some Fridays, after school, and on Saturdays. I also tried my hand at hairdressing – washing heads was my speciality! The summer between Grade 10 and 11, I worked in Edmonton, babysitting. I lived with Jack and Joyce Francis at the University Farm and was able to ride my bike back and forth each day. Babysitting, I soon discovered, was not my forte, but managed to stick with it two months. I was happy when the couple I babysat for decided to go on holidays the last two weeks in August and I could go home (I think I was homesick anyway).

After graduation, I spent a year in Edmonton working six months for Canadian Bechtel and six months for the Worker's Compensation Board. I shared a apartment with Susan (Sorken) and Brian Rude (my cousin) who joined us for a short time.

On September 18, 1976, I married Reginald Adair, son of Jim and Esther Adair of Donalda, Alberta. He has eleven brothers and sisters with him being the middle child. After the honeymoon, we moved to Fort McMurray where we were only to stay for two years – that was thirteen years ago! I, (since Reg already loved being North) grew to appreciate Fort McMurray and we both have decided that it is a wonderful place to raise children.

We have two great kids, John age 13 (born August 26, 1978) and Jenny, age 10 (born June 6, 1981). John loves to spend time with his Dad, either hunting, triking or skidooring and has spent a week at the end of August, for the last three summers, climbing mountains in search of Big

Horn Sheep. So far the sheep have eluded them. He also enjoys various sports such as volleyball, badminton, and basketball and this past summer he and I spent a number of hours on the golf course. John likes to be on the farm helping Grandpa, and this last summer spent six weeks with Mom and Dad.

Jenny enjoys reading, writing, and arithmetic – the 3-R's she is academically inclined and therefore enjoys the challenges of school. She likes to 'create' and is always making banners on the computer or cutting or pasting assorted items. Cooking is something she enjoys periodically and will 'read' the cook books for interesting surprises. She has numerous friends, and quite often the phone calls are for her.

Reg is a born hunter, and now, an avid bow hunter. He has taken many black bear, deer and moose with hopes of getting a Big Horn Sheep. For the past seven years, he has been a supervisor at Syncrude Canada Ltd. He has tickets for three trades which include plumber/steamfitter/gasfitter and is hoping to do a four year electrician's apprenticeship starting in 1992. His goal is to acquire as much experience as possible with the

future possibility of serving in a 'mission' when he retires.

I have worked for the Fort McMurray Public School System for the past six and one half years, first as a Library/Secretary and currently as a Front Office Secretary. I enjoy a 4.5 hour work day with my afternoons 'free'. I like to read, paint (although I haven't done this for a while), workout at the gym, golf, work backstage (doing hair and makeup) at the Community Live Theatre, play piano (taking lessons) and typing on the computer. As a family, we enjoy downhill skiing, cross-country skiing (which we just discovered), travelling, reading, camping, hiking, and assorted other things.

We joined the Fellowship Baptist Church in 1979 and have fellowshiped there ever since. Over the years, both Reg and I have tried our hands in various capacities. Reg is currently serving on the Missions Board and I on the Board of Trustees. Both positions are three year terms.

Carlson, Dwight (Ike) and Ilene

Ilene Marie, was born into the family of Glenn and Iris Francis, on July 2, 1959 in the Tofield Municipal Hospital. She was raised on their farm along with her siblings, David and Carol Ann, eight miles south on the Round Hill road, now called Secondary Highway 834. She attended the Tofield Public School, and graduated in 1977. Ilene worked part-time as a Dietician Helper during her high school years. After public school, she attended two years at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose, Alberta, during which time she worked part-time at Woolworth's.

In the spring of 1980, Ilene moved to Frontier, Saskatchewan and worked for Friggstad Manufacturing, Ltd. Ilene married Dwight Lyle Carlson in Frontier on March 12, 1982. Ike (Dwight) was born on July 8, 1947 in Devil's Lake, North Dakota and was raised in Warwick, North Dakota. Ike attended Warwick Public School and Lake Region Junior College until he was drafted into the Marine Corps in 1968. He served in the Vietnam conflict and was sent to Okinawa on his way to California, where he was honorably discharged.

A previous marriage brought Ike to Frontier, Saskatchewan in November, 1974, where he worked at Friggstad Manufacturing, Ltd. Ike has three children – Jamie, Sean, and Danielle. Jamie is studying to be a Petroleum Engineer at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. Sean attended one year at the Technical School in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and is presently working in Calgary,



Carol Ann and Reg Adair, Jenny, John.

Alberta. Danielle graduated from Frontier Public School in the spring of 1992. Her plans are yet unknown.

Flexi-Coil Ltd., a manufacturing company in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, purchased the assets of Friggstad Manufacturing, Ltd., in 1984. Ike and Ilene were employed by Flexi-Coil Ltd. The manufacturing plant in Frontier was closed in the fall of 1987. Ike and Ilene were both offered jobs at Flexi-Coil Inc., a branch office in Minot, ND. They moved in November, 1987 and continue to make Minot their home.

Ike and Ilene are active in Living Word Fellowship. Ike is on the Steering Committee and is Treasurer. Ilene is presently working part-time for the ministry, as well as being the pianist. She is also making a career as an Independent Beauty Consultant with a major cosmetic company. Other activities enjoyed by them are: volleyball, computer, reading and walking. He is presently continuing his education in Computer Science at Minot State University. Ilene enjoys playing piano, sewing and visiting.

Ilene has many fond memories from being a part of the Bardo community. One of her first memories at the Bardo Lutheran Church, is of the children gathering around the Christmas tree, holding hands and singing 'Jeg er Saa Glad Hver Julekveld'. Bardo Sports Day, held on 'Farmers' Day', was another memorable event – a day she eagerly awaited to unfold. Other memories are skating outdoors at the Grand Forks School, skidooring, sledding at Gallinger's coal mine, hayrides and social gatherings at the Anderson School. These memories and more will always be a part of her life.



Dwight and Ilene Carlson – May, 1992. Jamie, Dwight (Ike), Danielle, Ilene, Sean.

Dennis Bjornson

(by Dennis)

I was born in the summer of 1936 at Bardo and have lived in various rural and urban communities. Some of my early recollections are about rather minor events but some may illustrate aspects of life during the 40's and 50's which were probably common to my generation.

My first recollection is about an ice cream cone. We were living in Rley, when I managed to fall off of a chair, breaking my collarbone. This meant a train trip with Hanna Ireland to Edmonton to have the bone set. I do not recall the accident or the train ride. What I do recall, is receiving an ice cream cone in the city, dropping it on the wooden sidewalk, and watching a little dog lick it up. It was probably at this point that I cried the loudest.

While living at Ustia, I recall seeing snow geese cover Munkedal's summer fallow, so that the land appeared to have been hit by a blizzard. That same fall, a "twister" moved one of the Romaniuk's straw piles which had been threshed just east of the school. All that straw was spread back onto the field from where it had come as bundles.

A year later, 1942, I started grade one at Grand Forks school. On a Saturday morning my brother and I might hear Uncle Olaf Anderson's John Deere tractor coming from the north. A wait out at the gate, meant getting a ride on his "maintainer" as he graded the road south to the division line. A trip with Grandpa Rude in the democrat to Round Hill was also exciting. To get a wedge of cheddar at the cheese factory, some crackers and maybe a red, polka-dotted bandanna (for 5 cents) at Bosmans' store was a celebration.

When we moved to McKenzie school district, I got my first job. Mr. Bailey, the local trustee, hired me as school janitor for the three years that I attended Junior High there. The work involved splitting and storing in the cellar, the winter's supply of wood, hauling drinking water from Walker's well, firing the furnace and cleaning ashes and klinkers every Saturday. The job paid \$1.50 per month, fall and spring, and \$3.00 per month for December through March. My first purchase was for a month's wage – a Wilcox pocket watch bought for \$1.50 at the Ross Creek store.

Following High School, I attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute for two years at Camrose and here met Carol (b. 1937) Hendrickson from Armena. We married in 1958 and established our first home in Edmonton. Here I pursued further studies at the University of

Alberta, completed B. Ed. and M. Ed. degrees, and taught with the Edmonton Public School District. Carol had received her education at Thordenskjold, Armena and Camrose Lutheran College. She worked in law offices as a stenographer, and later as a homemaker. Our son, Curtis was born in 1960, and our daughter Darla was born in 1961. Curtis is employed with an Architectural firm designing hospitals, schools, and office buildings. He was married in 1990 to Bonita Schalk (a Library Technician) of Strathroy, Ontario and they reside in Edmonton. Their son, Andrew Peter, was born in 1992.



Carol and Dennis Bjornson – Silver Wedding, 1983.

Darla and her husband, Stephan Wildfang, also live in Edmonton where Stephen works as a chartered accountant and Darla teaches school. They were married in 1988, and their daughter, Larissa, was born in 1991. A son, Alexander Roy, was born on April 28, 1993.

Our family has experienced much travel for recreational purposes and relocation for occupational reasons. In 1968 we moved to Three Hills and in 1971, to Athabasca, where I was employed as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Here, my family learned to ski, an enjoyment which has continued seasonally. Carol and I no longer run the big hills, but do pursue cross-country each winter.

In 1974, I joined Alberta Education and travelled throughout northern Alberta, by car where possible, and by 4 x 4 or bushplane when necessary. Chasing horses off the grass landing strip at Garden Creek in Wood Buffalo National Park with a small aircraft prior to landing will never be forgotten.



Back Row: Stephen and Darla Wildfang, Bonita and Curtis Bjornson. Middle Row: Dennis and Carol Bjornson. Front Row: Andrew Bjornson, Larissa and Alexander Wildfang. Taken in May, 1993.



Dennis and Peter Bjornson. Fishing, 1987.

In 1986, I concluded my involvement with education and undertook five years of contract work restoring turn-of-the-century artifacts for historical sites in Alberta. A large portion of this work was for the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village where provincial shops are located. Whether rebuilding a McCormick seed drill or carving a dough bowl out of a poplar log, this work proved to be both fascinating and challenging. In the spring of 1991, I decided to retire from full-time occupation but continue with part-time projects, some for family or relations and some for museums. Time to visit the Embarras River when the grayling are running, and to wet a fly in the trout pools of the Berland are now on our agenda.

Bjornson, Dale Leroy

(by Dale)

Dale Leroy Bjornson was born on March 15, 1938 in Ryley, Alberta, to parents, Peter and Myrtle Bjornson. Many of Dale's pre-school years were spent at his grandparents, Rude's farm near Tofield. He attended Grand Forks school for grades one through three. Following a trip to Norway with his parents and siblings, he continued school, grades four to seven, at McKenzie school north of Tofield, Alberta. All of these school years were taught to him by his mother.

After moving to Edmonton, Dale attended McDougal and Victoria High Schools, but completed his high school at the Camrose Lutheran College in 1957. Following High School, Dale worked with the Government of Canada throughout Canada's north land, the Yukon and North West Territories. In time, he attended the University of Alberta and graduated with degrees



Dale Bjornson family. Todd, John, Christopher, Jenna, Michele, Elaine, Dale, Brendan and Dawn. Missing are: Jay Vincent, Susan and Krayvin.



Jay, Susan and Krayvin Langston, 1992.

in Physical Education, Education, and graduate studies in Administration.

Dale married Joan Dahl in 1962. They had four children – Michele (b. 1962), Dawn (b. 1964), Todd (b. 1967), and John (b. 1969). In 1976 Joan and Dale separated.

Dale was married to Elaine Langston in 1989. Elaine brought two children into the family – Jay and Jenna.

Their daughter, Dawn married Christopher Eden in 1986. They have one son, Brandon, the first grandson to be brought into their lives. Jay and his spouse, Susan McDonald, gave them their second grandson, Krayvin.

Michele married Vince Poscente in 1990. Vince participated in the Winter Olympics in France as a speed skier. Both Michele, who is a Doctor, and Dawn, who works for the Alberta Bar Association live in Calgary, Alberta. Jay and Susan live in Edmonton as do Todd and John who are employed by Canada Fiberglass. Jenna lives in Calgary.

Elaine and Dale have spent their working lives as Educators. Currently, Elaine is a High School Department Head while Dale is a principal with the Edmonton Public School District.

Halvdon and Irene (Rude) Strand, Family History

by Irene Strand

On a cold, snowy day, the sixth of November at the farmstead of Chris and Bertha Marie Rude, their youngest child, Irene Marion, was born. The year was 1911.

Grand Forks School was four miles north of Round Hill on the SW corner of her dad's land. This is where she took all her public schooling. Irene attended High School in Tofield. She boarded with Pete and Loolah Lerbekmo. She completed grade eleven at Round Hill, driving a former race horse, Prince. He gave Irene many scary times when he was in a hurry to get home. Staying at home, Irene could help her parents with the work, morning and evening. She attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute for two years. She also travelled some for the "Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation" and organized girls' and women's groups in various congregations.

In 1946, The Reverend Halvdon (Hal) Strand and Irene were married in Bardo Lutheran Church, Tofield, Alberta. Their first Parish was Valhalla Lutheran Church in Valhalla, Alberta in the Peace River district. Irene recalls the warmth with which the congregation greeted them in spite of freezing temperatures and a snowstorm. It is the only time Irene can remember seeing smoke rising straight up from the chimney like a ribbon. Then as quickly as the storm came, they'd have a chinook and bright sunshine.



Irene and Halvdon Strand, 1971.

The Strands served churches in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Montana. They were a year at a children's home in Alaska. Hal also worked for the Alberta Government in Child Welfare, placing children for adoption.

Hal and Irene retired in Washington State in 1965. Hal died February 29th, 1982.

The Strands have three children, all born in Canada. **David** has a Doctorate in Philosophy and is a lawyer in a firm in Calgary, Alberta. He lives in Calgary with his wife, Sandy, who is also a lawyer, and their three and a half year old son Jared. Their second son, Jordan, was born September 21, 1992.

Kenneth served in the American Air Force during the Viet Nam war, and was stationed in Korea and Thailand; after which he attended technical school in Bellingham. He is a journeyman carpenter and is employed as maintenance man for the Bellingham School District. Ken's wife, Swanny is a secretary, presently working at the Georgia Pacific Credit Union. They have two children, Erik Jon, eleven and Kimberlee Joy, nine. They live in Bellingham and truly are Irene's right-hand.

Rosalyn lives in Redmond, Washington, and is a manager of a travel agency in downtown Seattle. She has one son Patrick, who lives one week with his mother and the next with his father as his parents are divorced. Rosalyn graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Communications and Journalism.

Now Irene lives in Bellingham in a small house,



Irene Strand family. Kenneth, Swanny, Irene, Rosalyn, Sandy, David.

close to shopping, bank and bus line. The church van picks her up for church and other church activities.

Irene's 80th birthday was last November. Quote, "It was wonderful. The party seemed to continue for a week as sister Myrtle Bjornson and my niece, Iris Francis from Tofield, Alberta, Canada, came especially for my birthday. David and son, Jared, came from Calgary for the weekend and Rosalyn and Patrick from Redmond. Swanny hosted one party at their home in my honor.

In closing, I thank God for the blessings received of health, family and friends in these eighty years."



Irene (Rude) Strand family, 1992. Back Row: Swanny and Kenneth Strand, Jarred and David Strand, (Sandi is missing). Middle Row: Kimberlee Joy, Erick Strand. Front Row: Rosalyn, Irene, Patrick Tartar.

Schmidt, John and Katharine Mary Schmidt

Mr. John Schmidt and his wife, Katharine, bought the Rose farm in 1946. They had nine children: Mary, John, George, Neta, Katie, David, Martha, Ericka and Lena. Neta had passed away by this time, and four of the remaining children were married. David, Martha, Ericka and Lena moved to the farm with their parents. They did mixed farming.

Dad and Mother Schmidt were charter members of the Tofield Mennonite Church.

In 1953, Mother Schmidt died of a stroke. Dad Schmidt remarried a widow, Elizabeth Harder, from St. Catharines, Ontario and moved there in 1956. In the meantime, David's three sisters were married.



The John and Katharine Schmidt family. Back Row: David, George, Neta, Mary and Peter Baergen, John Jr. Middle Row: Martha, Katie. Front Row: Katharine, Lena, John Sr., Ericka.



(Dad) John Schmidt and David.

Schmidt, David, Mary and family by Mary Schmidt

In 1950, David and I, Mary Toews (from Lanskrone, Ukraine) were married. I came to Canada in 1948 to my Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kliever, in Tofield. I was separated from my family during the war in 1944 in Poland.

David and I lived eight miles north of the town of Tofield for two years. David worked together with his brother, John Schmidt.

In 1952, our daughter, Evelyn, was born. The same year in December we moved to Dad's place (the Rose farm). Dad moved a small house into the yard and we rented the farm from him (John

Schmidt). At that time we bought all his cows and machinery.

Our second daughter, Irene, was born in 1955. In 1957 we bought the farm from Dad Schmidt and moved into the big house, an old log house.

In 1959, our son, Gordon, was born. In 1952, we had bought our first hogs and we have not been without hogs since. We did mixed farming. We ploughed the fields, milked the cows, fed the steers and raised hogs – a little bit of everything. It got too busy so we sold our cows in 1967 and built onto the hog barn. In 1966, we built a new house and tore the old one down in 1970.

The children went to school in Tofield and all graduated there. Evelyn attended Swift Current Bible Institute in 1971 and graduated in 1972. After training as a Registered Nursing Assistant, she married Peter Bartel from Calgary, Alberta. She worked in the General Hospital and Peter was a Journeyman Carpenter. They have three boys: Ryan, Mark and Kenton. In 1989 they moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba to prepare for the Ministry.



Evelyn and Peter Bartel, Ryan, Mark, Kenton – 1990.

Irene, our second daughter, also went to S.C.B.I. and graduated in 1975. That same year she was married to Ken Froese from Hanley, Saskatchewan. They moved onto a farm and did mixed farming – grain, cattle and hogs. Irene and Ken have four children: Nathan, Kerri, Karla and Nolan.

After graduation, Gordon also attended Bible School in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. He worked on the farm with us until he got married in 1989 to Monica Chapman. They moved onto the farm in 1990. They have two children: Lauren and Jordyn. We, David and Mary, built a house in Tofield and moved there in 1990.



Ken and Irene Froese family, 1991. Back Row: Nathan, Ken. Front Row: Karla, Irene, Nolan, Kerri.



Monica and Gordon Schmidt, Jordyn, Lauren.

We are members of the Tofield Mennonite Church and our involvement with Self-Help Crafts is an interesting experience.

In 1988, we flew to Germany to meet my mother and my brother Abe and family after forty-two years of separation. They emigrated from Russia to Germany in 1986 and live in Wolfsburg. In 1990, my sister, Sara, and family immigrated

to Germany and we visited them in 1991. Forty-five years of separation is a long time.

David and I and our family were members of the Bardo Recreational Centre for many years, have had many friends and enjoyed the fellowship there.



David and Mary Schmidt.

The Family of Jacob E. and Mary Schwartzendruber

by Donald Kauffman

In 1910, Jacob E. and Mary (Yoder) Schwartzendruber moved to Alberta from Iowa. Mary was a daughter of Levi D. Yoder (see that story) and she, her husband, and her two young children were the first of the Yoder extended family to move to Alberta. Mary was an older sister of Katie (Yoder) Kauffman, wife of Joseph E. Kauffman (see that story). In April, 1911, they purchased the NE 1/4 of 6-50-18-4 from John N. Jevning. They moved into a house on the north bank of the Amisk Creek, one mile east and a half mile north of Anderson (Bardo) School (west side of the road) and lived there until 1926. Then they sold their things in an auction sale and moved to Tavistock, Ontario. The quarter was bought by Joseph E. Kauffman in 1926 and no one lived on that site again.

Joseph W. Kauffman has written a description of the day the house was moved to a location south of Dodds.

Then there was the time that Dad sold the house that was on the south quarter, called the Jake Schwartzendruber house. The house mover came and put it on the wheels he had and then got four tractors: steel-wheeled tractors, 20-35's or 22-36's Internationals to pull it. School was closed that afternoon and many from the community were on hand to see the goings-on. It was a big square house, two stories, probably 24 feet square. They started moving it to the west, swung around north, and then east to cross the road. Almost no ditches at that time but when the wheels under the house hit the little dip that was the ditch the tractors couldn't pull it. So all the men, and I suppose some boys, got behind the house and put their shoulders to the building and once again the house was on the move, but the field was a wee bit too soft and they were stuck once again. So they had Martin Hagen come with his Hart Par tractor. Well the motor was crossways in that thing and just in front of the back wheels so all it would do was raise off the ground in the front. Don't exactly remember but I think they finished moving it with a Caterpillar tractor."



Moving the Jake Swartzendruber house, 1926. Note the five tractors.



Mary and Jacob Schwartzendruber and grandson, Keith Ruby (about 1939).

In a photograph of the event, the Martin Hagen tractor is visible at the front of the four tractors. (Count the exhaust pipes.)

Jacob and Mary Schwartzendruber had three children: Daniel, (b. 1903), Erma (b. 1905), and Lydia, (b. December 6, 1912). Daniel lived most of his life in Alberta, moving to Ontario about 1942. The two girls moved with their parents to Ontario in 1926. Erma married Elmer Baechler in 1927. They had four children. Lydia married Stanley Ruby in 1936. They had two children.

Sears, George William

submitted by Hazel Dyer

George William Sears was born in Brookfield, Missouri, U.S.A., on March 12, 1876. His parents moved to Prescott, Iowa, where he lived until 1898. He enlisted in the American Army COK-51 Iowa INF to serve in the Spanish American war. He served two years in the Philippines and received his discharge upon returning in 1900. The U.S.A. was in a recession so he followed the Ingram family



G.W. Sears and wife, Ellen (Ingram) – December 25, 1906.

to Canada where he could secure a homestead for just a few dollars. His homestead location was SE 1/4-22-50-19-W4. However, this proved to be mostly slough so he gave it up. He then purchased SW-15-50-19-W4 where he lived until he retired in 1946. He then moved to Edmonton.

George William married Ellen Ingram on December 25, 1906 and four children were born into this family, Albert, Hazel, Pat (Stanley) and Charles. The family moved back to Iowa for a few years but returned to Alberta and made their home on the farm in the Ketchamoot District.

Certificate of Marriage



That on the twenty fifth day of
December

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
1906

George William Sears
and Ellen Gertrude Ingram

WERE BY ME UNITED IN



at Lofield, Alberta,
According to the Ordinance of God and Laws
of the Province of Alberta
Mary Ingram C. Laidman
Witness Charles Ingram

Certificate of Marriage.

The Sears clan became involved with the Ketchamoot district. George became involved with the formation of the Ketchamoot School District No. 1465. He hauled lumber for the school and served many years on the school board.

As Junior grade school girl of the Anderson School, Ellen became a member of the Bardo Busy Bees. At the age of fifteen, Ellen was organist in the old Anderson school where Methodist services were held. She later was Church Organist for the Methodist services held in the Ketchamoot school and still later in the United Church.

A ball diamond was set up on the farm for picnics and ball games. Many hours were spent working to keep the ball diamond in peak condition! Of course the great interest was the St Louis Cardinals. There was also a great interest in the Spanish American War Veterans American Legion who met once a month in Edmonton with meetings and picnics held in parks. It was very emotional when a number of members were at the funeral of G.W. (Bill) Sears in the Tofield Cemetery. The American and Canadian flags were lowered and the Last Post was sounded.

The Sears homestead is still in the family and another generation is keeping up the good work started by our pioneer parents, friends and neighbors.



Bill Sears and sons, Albert, Stanley (Pat), and Charlie. Clearing ice on an old slough so they could play hockey.

Alfred and Hildur Simonson by Maureen Kramer

Alfred Simonson was born in Edmonton, on March 18, 1912. He spent most of his youthful years in Edmonton and then the family moved to Kingman to take up farming. Hildur Feragen was born June 20, 1914 in Hay Lakes, Alberta where her parents farmed for many years. Alf and Hildur were married in September of 1941 in Edmonton. They then moved to Zeballos, British Columbia where Maureen was born, April 11, 1942.

When World War II broke out Alf joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in February, 1943. They then moved to Vancouver, B.C. and on to Calgary, Alberta for his training. He went overseas in 1944 returning home in 1946. Hildur and Maureen lived in Kingman while Alf was overseas.

Upon his return they moved out to the farm 2 miles west and 1 mile south of the Anderson (Bardo) school. Their second daughter, Donna was born March 24, 1948 in Edmonton. Maureen attended school at Anderson (Bardo) for one and one-half years where Magna Hendrickson was her

teacher. At that time Magda was teaching grades 1-6.

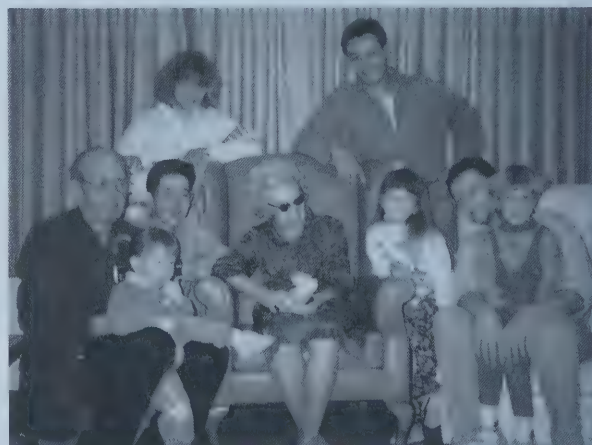
Alf and Hildur moved off the farm in 1960 and went to Edmonton where Alf worked as a security officer for a few years. They then retired to Sardis, B.C. in approximately 1975. When Hildur's health began to fail they moved to Kamloops, B.C. where Hildur, at present is in the Ponderosa Lodge and Alf is living with Donna and Jim. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1991 while in Kamloops.

Maureen married Bev Kramer and they have made their home in Fort St. John, B.C. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Donna has one son and is married to Jim Musgrave. They have made their home in Kamloops, B.C.



Alf Simonson family. Back Row: Bev and Maureen Kramer, Donna and Jim Musgrave. Front Row: Alf, Hildur. Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary – September 22, 1992.



Alf and Hildur Simonson with grandchildren and greatgrandchildren – March, 1992. Back Row: Sherry Lumley (Kramer), Curtis Kramer. Middle Row: Alf Simonson, Chane Cote, Hildur Simonson, Kelsey Lumley, Ken Kramer. Front Row: Stacey Lumley, Tiffany Lumley.

William Richard Simonson

by Harold Simonson

William Richard Simonson was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1884, the son of Simon D. Simonson and his wife, Anna L. Ramstad. Anna passed away in 1888 and subsequently Simon married Lena Bjerkeg, who had come from Norway in 1882. They, with their children, came to the Kingman district in 1894.

William married Elen Marie Anderson in 1907. She had come to the Bardo district with her family from Hitra, Norway. Her brothers Hans and Lars returned to their homeland, leaving Elen Marie (Mary), Stena (Mrs. Ludvig Pederson) and Ludvig Anderson, of the children, remaining in Alberta. There are still many family members in Norway.

Following their marriage in 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Simonson settled on the Scramstad farm. This proved to be a disastrous year and they moved to Edmonton in search of employment. Willie, as he was called, worked for a construction company



William R. and Marie Elen Simonson's wedding – February 9, 1907.

and Mary in a laundry. In the spring of 1909 they moved back to Kingman and lived on the original farm of Simon Simonson, the farm most of us associate as being the Wideman farm west of Farmington School.

In 1910 they took a homestead which later became the Fred Sutton place now owned by Ed and Gail Look. In 1913 they purchased the Brocke farm and the family of seven children was completed here. It was at this time, too, that they purchased their first car and apparently it was quite a chore to learn to manage this roaring monster.



The William R. Simonson family.

In 1926 they purchased the Hvidding Farm and built a modern home complete with electricity and water. It was much enjoyed by the entire family. Many lay ministers were welcomed in the Simonson home during their stay in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Simonson were active in the Bardo Lutheran Church. Mrs. Simonson worked with the Ladies Aid and Mr. Simonson was a life member of C.L.B.I.

At the age of 55 Willie had a serious heart attack, so he had to give up farming. Their daughter, Alice and her husband Elmer Sitler then took over the farm. The Simonsons then moved to Edmonton for a few years. Their last move was to Camrose in 1950, where they resided until their deaths – Mr. Simonson in 1962 and Mrs. Simonson in 1975.

For further detailed information see Harvest of Memories, the Kingman History printed in 1981.

William (Junior) and Ingrid Simonson

by William (Bill) Simonson

My twin brother, Wilfred, and I were born on the old Fred Sutton place which was my parents', Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simonson, homestead N.E.

34-49-19-W4. The house we were born in is still standing. My parents were members of the Bardo Congregation, so this is where we as a family worshipped together for many years. I remember taking our Sunday School lessons and also the early years of worship in the Scandinavian language. As a matter of fact, when Wilfred and I started to public school we could not speak one word of English.

In later years the Bardo Male Chorus was organized under the leadership of Albin Anderson. I remember one night riding horseback home after practice Mikal Erickson, Axel Kindley and I got into a race. I still get a laugh when Mikal, with his pipe in his mouth and sparks flying past his face called to me, "Hul hesten din. Jeg svale pipa mi." "Hold your horse, I'm swallowing my pipe."

In 1940 Ingrid Peterson, who grew up at Amisk, and I were married. We built a two-room house on two skids in the middle of an oat field. Mr. Skogness helped to build it on a quarter of land NW-27-49-19-W4, purchased from John Anderson in 1927. We have been blessed with three children, Myrna, David and Lois and three grandchildren, Ian, Kjristen and Kerri.



The Bill Simonson family. Myrna, Ingrid, Lois, Bill, David.

Myrna married Jim Enright. She has one son, Ian. Myrna teaches at Fort Saskatchewan. Ian is attending the University of Alberta. Lois married Don Johnson of Kingman. He works for the Nova Corporation and Lois is a homemaker. Their two girls, Kjristen and Kerri attend school in Sherwood Park where the family resides. David is on the home place carrying on with a herd of black cattle which he really enjoys and is doing well with them.

Ingrid and I retired in Tofield and enjoy the friendship and fellowship with many friends who have retired in this centre as well as many new friends. We are so thankful for all the precious memories of the past and for the blessings of the "silent realm of tho't."

Simonson, Wilfred

(submitted by Gladys Simonson (Mitchell))

Wilfred Simonson was born in March, 1912, the twin brother of William (Bill), sons of Willie and Mary Simonson on their homestead which later became the farm of Fred Sutton. He lived and farmed with his parents in the Bardo district. He attended Farmington School and was baptized and confirmed in the Bardo Lutheran Church.

Wilfred married Gladys Christenson, the daughter of William and Tilda Christenson of Kingman, in 1940. They lived in New Westminster, British Columbia from 1940 to 1947 where Wilfred worked as a millwright carpenter. While in B.C. two daughters, Dianne and Vivian, were born.

Dianne went into the teaching profession but preferred to work as a secretary. Vivian became a lab technician and worked with her husband, Dr. Gordon Holt. He passed away from a massive heart attack in 1988.

Dianne lives in Edmonton. She has two sons, Troy and Wade York. Vivian lives in St. Albert. She too, has two sons, David and Paul Holt.

In the later years, Wilfred was employed by the Jubilee Construction Company and helped to build many fine homes and businesses in Camrose. He passed away in May 1978, at the age of 66 years.

After a widowhood of five and one half years, Gladys married Heskett Mitchell, a retired supervisor of mines in the Radium area. They live in Camrose.

Swanson, Herman and Delia

(submitted by Delia Swanson)

I, Delia Swanson (Simonson) spent the first years of my life in the Bardo and Farmington areas, then moved on to the Edberg area after



Herman and Delia Swanson, 1990.

marrying Herman Swanson in 1941. Our daughters, Jane and Marion were born there. In 1953 we moved to Kingman, Alberta. In 1966, Jane married Jack Ross of New York. Marion married William Pattison of Eckville, Alberta in 1968.

Herman and Delia enjoy their two granddaughters, Marilea and Karen Pattison and their two grandsons, Steven and John. They still reside on their farm one half mile east of Kingman, and enjoy many friends and neighbors, although now several have moved into Camrose or Tofield.



Swanson family, 1988. Jane and Jack Ross, Steven Pattison, Herman, Marion Pattison, Will Pattison holding John, Delia, Marilea and Karen Pattison.

Alice (Simonson) and Elmer Sitler and Family

(by Glenn Sitler)

Alice Simonson, the eldest daughter of William and Mary Simonson, was married to Elmer Sitler of Lake Demay, on February 17, 1933, with the wedding taking place in the Simonson home. They had a family of three children – Glenn, born in 1935, Gail, born in 1938, and Harold, born in 1944.

Their first year of married life was spent farming in the Donalda area. From Donalda they moved to the Lake Demay area, farming there until 1937, and later in the Dodds area until 1939. They purchased their first farm, in the Miquelon Lake area, (N.W. 24-49-20-4) in 1939. Their closest neighbors were the John Myhre family, and many “hard-time” memories were recalled by Elmer. Glenn remembers the Myhre children as his first playmates. He recalls how his father used to give Alfie Myhre a nickle for a tune on the fiddle, which invariably was “My Mommy Gave Me A Rubber Dollie”. Alfie at that time was only three or four years old and of course, later won the “Old-Time Fiddlers’ Contest”, which brought fame to the Kingman community.

Elmer recalled a brush fire which broke out in the spring of 1940 on section 13-49-20-4, owned by Oscar Thompson. Fanned by southeast winds, the fire burned the following lands: N.E.-24-49-20-4 and the complete South 1/2-26-49-20-4. Most of the community fought the fire from about 10 A.M. through the night, finally stopping it only about 100 yards short of Alice and Elmer’s house, and only a short distance from the John Myhre home.

In 1941 Alice and Elmer moved to the Simonson home, taking over the family farm after William Simonson suffered a severe heart attack. They retained ownership of the land in the Miquelon Lake area, and later purchased the Fred Sutton place (N.E.-34-49-19-4) which was Will Simonson’s original homestead.

The Simonson house and yard, which now was Alice and Elmer’s home, was the scene of many family gatherings – bountiful dinners around the dining room table, potluck meals on the lawn, and horseshoe games in the yard. For many years the Simonson family gathered there for Christmas Eve – the house bulging with grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins. Alice was a wonderful cook – known for her superb mashed potatoes and gravy! The warm hospitality matched the good food!

Alice passed from this life on December 4, 1978, leaving Elmer alone. In 1981 he went on a



Elmer and Alice Sitler.

tour to the Holy Land – a memorable experience for him! Elmer continued to farm until his death on September 28, 1982, sustained by a quiet faith, through a lengthy illness.

The passing of Alice and Elmer meant the end of an era. The “home place” was bought from the estate by Glenn. The other two quarter sections went, one each, to Gail and Harold, with Harold’s quarter eventually being bought by Gail and her husband Ed. At present these two quarters are rented out.

Glenn and Edith Sitler and Family (by Glenn and Edith)

In 1959 Glenn married Edith Sorensen of the Tilley area. Three children were born to them: Timothy in 1960, Ellen in 1962, and Gaylene in 1963. Glenn and Edith lived for a short time in Edmonton, then bought a house in Sherwood Park, where they lived for twelve years. In 1972 they bought 80 acres in the Ardrossan area, where they continue to live until this day. They purchased the Alfred Simonson farm (SW-35-49-19-W4) in 1974, and Glenn farmed that land, plus two additional quarters, as well as working as a lab technician with Gulf Oil, where he has worked since 1955. During the years 1964-1980 Glenn and his brother, Harold, also owned land in the Miquelon Lake area (South 1/2-27-49-20-W4), which had originally been the John Myhre farm. The Sitler children have many fond memories of the summer (1970) when they rented out their house in Sherwood Park and moved to the old house in what was known as “the hills”. In 1980 this land was sold to the Alberta Government Parks Department.

The house in Ardrossan was built mainly from lumber and bricks salvaged from an old house and church in the refinery area. The barn was constructed from an old barn, also from that area. Countless hours of hard work were spent making this home a reality. It was here the children spent their teen years and from here they began to make their own way in the world. Tim worked at various jobs, which ranged from being a clerk in a hardware store, to oilfield working, and finally to long distance trucking. Ellen and Gaylene went to the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI) in Outlook, Saskatchewan, to finish their regular schooling – with Ellen graduating from high school and Bible School, and Gaylene from High school.

As a family, they enjoyed several trips to Denmark and Norway. One trip, in 1978, was



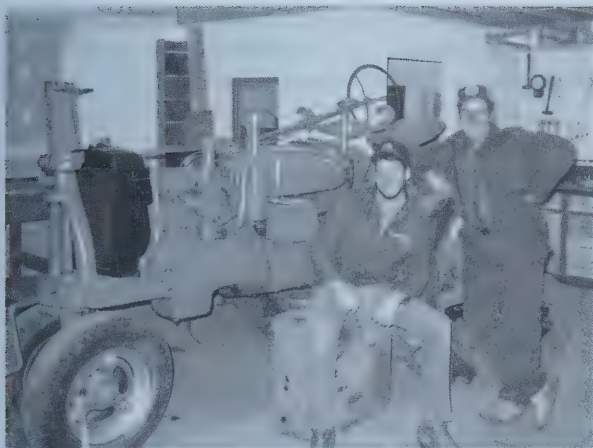
Glenn Sitler family, 1982. Back Row: Ellen, Timothy, Glenn. Front Row: Edith, Gaylene.

taken along with both Glenn’s and Edith’s parents. Then, in 1985-1986 Ellen and Gaylene attended the Folk High School in Denmark where their maternal grandparents had first met many years earlier.

In 1982, following the death of his father, Glenn purchased the “home place” from the estate. The house, which had collected so many memories from three generations now stood empty – patiently awaiting new occupants and a new life. This was not long in coming.

In June of 1983 Glenn and Edith’s son Tim married Lorraine Toews of Amisk, Alberta. They decided to make farming their life, making their home in the house built by Tim’s great-grandparents in 1926. Their history follows later in this book. Glenn and Tim enjoyed farming together – sharing ideas, making improvements to the farm, house and yard, and sharing the hobby of restoring old tractors.

Glenn and Edith’s dream of having Tim and Lorraine completely take over the farm was shattered by a tragic accident on December 5, 1990. Tim died instantly when he was struck by a speedboat, while snorkeling off the coast in Puerto Vallarta in Mexico. His death left a sad and empty place in home and in family, and in aching hearts – but also an awareness of God’s presence and help in time of need.



Timothy and Glenn Sitler – “Restoring Old Tractor”, 1987.

Glenn continues to farm the home quarter and also the land across the road, while continuing with his job at Petro Canada Refinery (formerly Gulf Oil). He and Edith are active in the Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park, where Edith has been choir director for many years.

Their daughter, Ellen, lives in Edmonton and works in an administrative capacity for New Creation Ministries, a Christian music outreach to young people. Her concern for young people also leads her to volunteering with youth through her church.

Gaylene is a Junior High School teacher, working in the “English as a Second Language” program in the Edmonton Public School System. She becomes both friend and confidant to many young immigrant children.

And what of the house with now four generations of memories? Once more a family is preparing to move in (this time to rent). Once more the walls will ring with laughter and love, and new memories will be in the making. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Tim and Lorraine Sitler

On June 11, 1983, Tim married Lorraine Toews of Amisk, Alberta. Deciding to make farming their life, they moved to Tofield and established their home in the house built by Tim’s great-grandparents in 1926 (NW-27-49-19). Together they added new personality to the house which already had so much history. Shortly after settling in Tofield, Lorraine became a volunteer at “That Place”, a Christian bookstore and coffee shop in Tofield. They enjoyed becoming part of the community and loved the close friendships.

Tim and Lorraine rented land and began



Tim and Lorraine Sitler.

farming. They both loved farm life, and over the next several years progressed from renters to land owners. Tim was involved in long distance trucking. Having his own truck, he hauled various commodities to and from the U.S.A. and throughout western Canada. He really enjoyed his work. Tim was also proud to be a member of the Tofield Volunteer Fire Department. While Tim was away trucking, Lorraine kept busy, having established a sewing business in her home. She also kept busy gardening and working in the yard. They were members of the Salem Lutheran Church in Kingman, where Lorraine was one of the pianists and taught Sunday School for seven years. She became a good friend to the children in her classes.

Tim and Lorraine had seven beautiful years together – as Lorraine terms it – a seven-year honeymoon. It ended in a tragic accident while they were on vacation in Mexico. At the early age

of thirty years, Tim died instantly on December 5, 1990, when he was struck by a speedboat while snorkeling off the coast of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Lorraine was devastated by the loss, and along with family, friends and community, all were shocked and saddened by his death. In the few years that Tim and Lorraine had lived in the Bardo district, they had truly become a part of the community. Tim is sadly missed.

Lorraine tried to live in the house which had been their home for all too short a time, and which was a part of so many hopes and dreams. A year later she bought a modular home, setting it up in the yard of close friends, Warren and Terri Stauffer. This is where Lorraine is living at the time of this writing. Her land is being farmed by Warren and Ken Stauffer.

There will be new plans, new hopes and dreams, but the memories of those years, now both happy and sad, will forever and always be a part of Lorraine's life and future. On August 8, 1992, God so graciously gave Lorraine a new husband and a new life, when she married Joel Slind of Archerwill, Saskatchewan. Joel had been a special friend of Tim and Lorraine's. Their plans are to farm at Joel's home in Saskatchewan, where the new hopes and dreams will be lived.

God is Faithful!

Gail (Sitler) and Edward Look and family (submitted by Glenn Sitler)

Gail married Edward Look in 1959. They have a family of three girls: Kathy, born in 1959, Sandi, born in 1961, and Karen, born in 1965. Gail and Ed began their married life in Edmonton. In 1972 they moved to Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where they owned and operated the Ed Look Pontiac Buick Dealership. They retired from the business in 1983, and returned to the Edmonton area in 1985. Having previously bought a vacation home in Whitefish, Montana, they also bought a home in Edmonton, and now spend their time between Edmonton, Whitefish and Palm Springs, California.

Gail and Ed's daughter Kathy trained as a Language Consultant, and in 1983 married Darryl Howery. Kathy and Darryl live in Edmonton, and have two daughters: Megan, born in 1985, and Alicia, born in 1988.

Sandi has a Master's degree in Exercise Physiology. In 1990 she married Tim Olson, and at present they are living in Saudi Arabia, where Tim is working for a computer company.

Karen received a Bachelor of Commerce degree and began a career as a chartered accountant. She is working in Toronto, and enjoying much success in her chosen career.



Gail and Ed Look family. Sandy, Ed, Gail, Karen, Kathy.

Harold and Bettyann Sitler and family (submitted by Glenn Sitler)

Harold married Bettyann Carr of Camrose in 1965. They have two sons: Rob, born in 1966, and Scott, born in 1975.

For the first few years of their married life they lived on what was at that time Alf Simonson's farm. Eventually they bought a comfortable mobile home, setting it up on the "east lawn" of Harold's parents' farm. Harold farmed along with his father, Elmer. He also sold real estate, and Bettyann worked as a medical lab technician. For a number of years they owned and operated



Harold and Bettyann Sitler, 1990. Scott, Bettyann, Harold, Rob.

“Sittler’s”, a business in the Duggan Mall in Camrose.

The time came when they decided to give up farming, and move to Camrose, buying a house there. Harold continued with the real estate business and Bettyann with her job. Once again they ventured into the business world with the opening of “Candy’s”, an army surplus store.

Both of Harold and Bettyann’s sons have been very involved in hockey, with Rob advancing to coaching. Through the years they have received a great deal of support from their parents in this direction. At present, Rob is working in British Columbia, while Scott is at home and still attending school.

CINNAMON, Samuel and Selma

(by Selma Cinnamon)

Selma was born in the Kingman District in December, 1909, the second child of Marie and William Simonson, Senior. She attended Farmington School during her Public school years. Later she attended Anderson (Bardo) School.

In 1932 Selma married Samuel Cinnamon who was employed by the Canadian National Railroad. They lived in Kingman for three years and then purchased a farm in the Bardo District, two miles west of the Anderson school corner. They were members of the Bardo Lutheran Church.

Sam took early retirement from the C.N.R. so together with daughter Sharon, they spent many



Sam and Selma Cinnamon.

good years on their farm. Sam passed away April 8th, 1971.

After several years, Selma sold the farm and moved to Tofield. Sharon married John Sirois and lived in Tofield. They had three children, Craig, Mark and Shauna. She moved to Sherwood Park and is in the hair dressing profession.

Harold and Roma Simonson

(by Harold)

Harold was the youngest son of William and Mary Simonson. He attended school at Farmington, Bardo, Kingman and Camrose Lutheran College (now Augustana). Following high school graduation he attended Camrose Normal School after which he taught two years at Grand Forks School and one year at Poe. He then attended the University of Alberta where he received his B.Sc. in Agriculture. Following graduation he worked for a couple of years at the Lethbridge Experimental Farm before returning to the U. of A. for his M.Sc. degree. In 1947 he became Vice Principal in the vocational section of the Red Deer Composite High School. In 1948 he had the opportunity of joining the staff of the University of California at Davis, where he was a Research Associate in Agricultural Chemistry. It was while here, that he married Roma Ballhorn of Wetaskiwin, who had been on the staff at the Composite High School in Red Deer, following her postgraduate work at Iowa State.

They returned to Alberta and joined in the partnership of Woodlawn Farm with Roma’s parents in 1955. While on the farm they were particularly involved in the raising and showing of Angus cattle, and won many awards at various major shows.

Harold was active in many associations. He was president of the Wetaskiwin Red Cross for two years and Vice-President of the Wetaskiwin Chamber of Commerce. In livestock circles, he was President of the Alberta Angus Association in 1962 and the Canadian Angus Association in 1967. He was Associate Director of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede in 1962 and President of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association about the same time. These were busy and interesting years in Harold’s life.

Harold and Roma have two daughters. Jody Ann attended Camrose Lutheran College and later graduated from Mount Royal College in Interior Design, after which she worked a number of years with a Calgary firm. In June, 1977 she married Don Hundebay and moved to Elbow, Saskatchewan

where his farm is located. Don is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan in Commerce and finds the knowledge gained, an asset in present day farming.

In 1979-1980 Don and Jody came to assist in the operation of Woodlawn Farms. To Roma and Harold's delight, they decided to remain on the farm. Don rented his property in Saskatchewan to his twin brother, Ron. Both Don and Jody are very active in church and community affairs. They have three children – Candice, Kevin and Arron. Harold and Roma moved to Wetaskiwin in 1984 but still enjoy many visits to the farm.

Their second daughter, Lynne Marie, graduated with a B.Sc. in Nursing in 1979 and immediately joined the staff of the American Mission Hospital in Bahrain, where she remained for several years and became quite fluent in the Arabic language. Through her association with Campus Crusade for Christ she also saw service in Cyprus and in Egypt where she met a young man by the name of Al Stahl of Philadelphia, U.S.A. They were married in 1986. At that time Al was with the International School of Languages in Egypt. Al has his degree in Political Science and had worked in several Mid-Eastern countries. He too, is fluent in Arabic and they both are now with Campus Crusade, working with the large student body at the University of Paris. They have two boys, Daniel and Stephen.



Harold Simonson family, 1990. Back Row: Don, Arron and Jody (Simonson) Hundebly, Lynne (Simonson) Stahl, Daniel, Stephen and Al Stahl. Front Row: Kevin Hundebly, Roma Simonson, Candice Hundebly, Harold Simonson.

Alf Harry Skognes

I was born March 13, 1914, my parents being Carl Hilberg and Hilda Marie Skognes, who emigrated from Norway in 1911, and made their early residence in Camrose, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Skognes was a builder of fine homes, and government projects. He also built some churches. During the early part of the first World War, we all moved to the Kingman area, and farmed the Tretvold farm for four years. Then we bought land in the Round Hill – Bardo area, and continued farming. Carl's first love was building homes, not farming, so he was not successful in farming, even though the operation grew to include several quarters.

There were six children in our family – Oscar I, who died in 1918, Edna, who died at the age of seven, Ella, who died at the age of thirty days, Oscar II, who died at the age of 60. My remaining sister, Ruth, married Richard Lyseng and they reside in Ceour d' Alene, Idaho. My dad passed away when he was seventy-five, and mother passed away when she was 84.

Both my mother and father were converted in 1912. Mother led me to Christ when I was eleven years old. We had a good Christian home.

I suppose some of the greatest lessons in life were learned during the great depression. We lost everything we had, but rallied, and bought back the farm. I will always feel indebted to the good people of Bardo, and the Mennonite community. There were a lot of good people in those two communities. They provided much Christian fellowship for me. I especially appreciated the opportunities which came my way by singing in the Male Chorus in Bardo.

Some of the fondest memories I have, linger with me concerning the years, eight years in all, that I spent at Grand Forks School. I had so many good teachers – Gudrun Ness, Betsy Ness, Miss Bergquist, Mrs. Loolah Lerbekmo. There was one pretty, blond, blue-eyed girl I adored, but I always felt unworthy of her.

After spending more time on the farm, I went back to high school at the age of twenty-one. I studied two years in Anderson (Bardo) High, and finished off in Round Hill High. Simultaneously, I studied with Maurice Julian's Institute of Crime Detection in Quebec, and graduated as a Criminologist. In the mean time, I felt the call to the Ministry of the Lord, so I left for Chicago, where I studied for three years at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. At the end of my second year there, I met Ruth Adena Jensen. We became

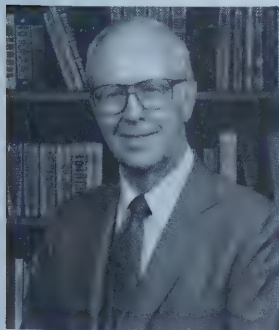
engaged, and I married her on May 29, 1942. On our honeymoon, we went to Williston, N.D., and started a new church there. It is still functioning, and is quite a bit larger now.

We then went to Minneapolis, where I continued my studies at Northwestern Theological Seminary. I took twenty-four hours a semester the fourth year, and twenty-two hours a semester the fifth year, taking both Greek and Hebrew. I graduated with a Th.B. degree.

We pastored First Baptist Church in Portage la Prairie Manitoba, and First Baptist Church in Granite Falls, Minnesota. Then we went on to Sioux Falls, S.D., where I studied another year, and graduated with B.A. degree with a double major and double minor. We started a new church there. In 1950, we went on to Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where I completed the M.A. degree in residence. All through these experiences, I taught also in three colleges, and pastored churches. I have pastored churches throughout Texas, and spent forty years in this blessed work. My dear wife Ruth, nursed in several hospitals, because she was a very proficient nurse. We have four children -Robert, James, Daniel and Wendy. Robert died about twelve years ago. Our other children are married, and we have four grandchildren. We have had a very blessed life.

After retirement from the active pastorate, I have preached throughout the world. The ministry has carried us to Japan, Spain, France, England, Holland, Ireland, Australia, Canada, United States and Mexico.

I have also served with the Federal Government in Emergency Management. I have served on national, state and local boards and committees for the Baptists and Catholics. I have also served as a Kiwanis and as a Rotarian. President Ronald Reagan made me a member of Security of this nation - The National Security Council. I also have been a consultant in the hiring of executives for corporations such as General Motors and Ford.



Alf Skognes.

If I have contributed anything worthwhile in my life, I give all the credit to my dear Lord, my precious wife, Ruth, and the many friends I had in many parts of the world, including Bardo.

Stalter, Simon and Emma

(by Barbara Wideman)

My father, Simon Daniel, who was born April 23, 1884 at Chenoa, Illinois, married Emma Eda Stauffer (born 1886) on February 5, 1907. They immigrated to Alberta in 1910 with their two children, Barbara and Chester. They settled on the Jim Aagaard farm (SW-4-49-18-4). In 1912 they moved to the farm (NE 1/4-18-49-18-4) which they bought from Olaf Boness. Later my parents bought the west half of section 17. I remember Clarence and Emil Rude breaking land for him, with horses, on this section. I also remember the buffalo trail that went over it.



Simon and Emma Stalter.

There were nine children born into the family. Barbara (born December 7, 1907) married Menno Wideman (see history). Chester (born October 2, 1909 - died April 11, 1921) became very ill with diabetes, and since insulin had not yet been discovered, he went quickly. Both Barbara and Chester were born in the U.S.A. The next five children were born in Alberta. Lily (born May 24, 1911) married Loyal Kauffman (see history). Daniel (born March 31, 1913) married Wilma Klopfenstein of Illinois, U.S.A., on December 15, 1935. Daniel farmed the home place a few years and then moved to Ohio, U.S.A. They retired in Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A. They had two children - Evelyn and Larry. Sterling (born February 25, 1915) became ill with diphtheria and died in 1936. Viola

was born September 28, 1919. She married Harold Boettger (see history). Clista (born May 2, 1921) married Norman Weber (see history).

My parents moved back to Illinois in 1923 when I was 15 years old, to take care of Grandfather Stalter. While in Illinois, two more daughters were born. Alma (born February 11, 1925) married Willard Burkholder (see history) and Doris (born December 8, 1926) married Paul Burkholder (see history).

The family returned to Alberta in 1932 and continued farming on their home place. The children attended the Grand Forks School and all the family attended the Salem Mennonite Church.

My mother, Emma Stalter, passed away on September 27, 1954 in Tofield, Alberta. My father, Simon, remarried in 1960. He and his wife, Lillian Sayer, moved to Carstairs where they lived until his passing on November 22, 1970.

Although my parents endured tragedy and hard times, they had a good life. They are both buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery.



Stalter family, 1991. Doris, Alma, Clista, Viola, Dan, Barbara.

Joseph R. Stauffer

(by Leonard Stauffer)

Joseph R. Stauffer was born in Baden, Germany, on June 18, 1852. He moved with his parents to the United States in 1866. His first marriage was to Mary Guth, to whom two daughters were born – Magdelene (Lena) born December 28, 1874, who married Peter Reil, and Phoebe, born April 15, 1876, who married Benjamin Lauber.

After his wife passed away, he later married Mattie Bender. They were blessed with six children, namely: Barbara (b. October 21, 1880), Lydia (b. January 25, 1883), Veronica – ‘Fannie’ (b. January 1, 1888), Lucinda (b. April 13, 1890), Joseph E. (b. December 3, 1895), and Ezra (b. February 15, 1898).

Lena and Pete Reil, Phoebe and Ben Lauber,

Lydia and Valentine Roth, and Lucinda and Dave Yoder left Nebraska and arrived in this area in 1911. In 1913, Joseph and Mattie, along with Barbara and Jacob Brenneman and the rest of their children, settled on Section 31-49-18-W4 which he purchased from H.N. Ronning. The rest of their children were married later. Fannie married Joseph Voegtlin Sr., Joseph E. married Petra Lerbekmo, and Ezra married Irene Lehman.

All these settled in the district from Bardo east towards Ryley. Interestingly, all the farms they acquired are still owned by Joseph R. Stauffer’s descendants.

Joseph R. Stauffer was a member of the Milford Mennonite Church. He first settled in Illinois. The greater part of his life was spent in Milford, Nebraska. He was Western Treasurer of the Mennonite Board of Missions for many years. He was interested in more aggressive Mission work and was desirous of more extensive Mission activities.

Joseph R. Stauffer made a number of trips to the Canadian North West. He purchased a section of land at Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan in 1907, although he never lived there. Others had come up from Milford, Nebraska and were interested in the Tofield area. Seeking the opportunity of beginning a new church, in a new location, he sold his land in Saskatchewan and came to the Bardo District.

Joseph R. Stauffer was a progressive farmer. He had a good line of machinery including a steam engine and a threshing machine. He was also one of the first residents to have electric lights when in 1915, he bought a 32 volt Delco plant. Mattie Stauffer died in March 1918, and Joseph R. died December 1918, one of the victims of the flu epidemic.



Joseph R. Stauffer family. Ezra, Lena Reil, Fanny Voegtlin, Phoebe Lauber, Barbara Brenneman, Lucinda Yoder, Lydia Roth, Joseph Jr.

Joseph Ethan Stauffer

(by Leonard Stauffer)

Joseph Ethan Stauffer, son of Joseph R. and Mattie Stauffer, was born in Milford, Nebraska, U.S.A. on December 3, 1895. He came to Canada with his parents in 1913. Upon the death of his father, he took over the farming operation. On December 27, 1917, he married Petra Lerbekmo, born August 23, 1896, daughter of John and Dorthea Lerbekmo. They have two children, Leonard Wayne and Evelyn Luella.



Joseph E. and Petra Stauffer.

Joseph E. died at the early age of 56 years in May 1952, and Petra passed away at the age of 79 in February, 1976.

Petra was a versatile person, not afraid to take on almost any task from embroidery work to carpentry and motor mechanics. She became the first lady school bus driver in the County of Beaver and drove until she was almost seventy years of age. Petra later moved to Tofield where she resided until her death. She was chosen Tofield's Centennial Queen in 1967 and became a very enthusiastic public relations person for the town of Tofield, a town of which she was very proud.

Joe and Petra were very hospitable people, and

people were always welcome in their home, where they loved to visit and serve coffee.

They were faithful members of the Salem Mennonite Church Congregation south of Tofield.



Petra Stauffer, Centennial Queen for the Town of Tofield, 1967.

The Leonard Stauffer Family

(by Evelyn Stauffer)

Leonard Wayne Stauffer, son of Joseph E. and Petra Stauffer was born June 26, 1920. He took his schooling at Anderson School in Bardo and Grade 12 in Tofield High School.

Leonard married Evelyn Irene Lawson, born July 6, 1921, daughter of Herman and Grace Lawson, on June 26, 1941.

Evelyn took her early schooling at Ketchamoot School and High School at Anderson School in Bardo. She worked at the Coca-Cola Plant in Calgary while Leonard was stationed there. She was mainly a wife and mother. After the children were grown, she clerked for a few years.

Evelyne is a member of the Bardo E.L.W. and the Tofield Hospital Auxiliary, and has been Secretary for both for many years. She also has many interests such as music, crocheting, knitting, the grandchildren, and a love for people.

Upon Leonard's discharge from the army in 1945, they resided in a small house which they built in his parent's yard. To Leonard and Evelyne, four children were born – Joseph Herman (1942-1942), Marilyn Josephine (1945-1957), Kenneth Wayne (1949), and Warren Eugene (1960).

In the late 50-60's, Leonard took his Electrical Schooling at Calgary's Institute of Technology and received his Masters Electrician Degree and carried on for several years with both farming and electrical work.

In 1988, Leonard and Evelyne purchased a house in Tofield.



Evelyne and Leonard Stauffer – 45th Wedding Anniversary, 1986.



The Leonard Stauffer family, 1991. Warren, Terri, Taryn and Scott, Leonard and Evelyne, Cameron, Lisa, Ken and Barbara, Jill, Ryan.

Leonard passed away on February 18, 1993. He is buried in the Bardo Cemetery.

Leonard had been an active sportsman, playing hockey and baseball, hunting, and for the last several years, had managed an Old Time Baseball Team, consisting mainly of past ballplayers from the Powerline Baseball League, and their sons. This Old Time Team plays ball in the Western Canada Tournament in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, and also the Provincial Tournament.

Leonard and Evelyne are confirmed members of the Bardo Lutheran Church. We are so thankful for our great heritage left to us by our ancestors.

The Kenneth Wayne Stauffer Family

Kenneth Wayne Stauffer, son of Leonard and Evelyne Stauffer, was born November 26, 1949, in Tofield, Alberta. He took his first years of schooling at Anderson School in Bardo, and when the schools were centralized, the Anderson School students were sent by bus to Tofield where he completed his Grade Twelve. Kenneth attended the Vermilion Agriculture College and upon graduation, received his diploma.

Kenneth married Barbara Ellen Ryan, born April 6, 1951, daughter of Jim and Elva Ryan of Radisson, Saskatchewan on July 8, 1972. They own and reside on the E 1/2-25-49-19-W4, one half mile south of his original home.

Barbara took her schooling in Fielding, Saskatchewan. Upon completion she attended Vermilion School of Agriculture and took a Home Economics course. Besides being a full time mother, she is involved in Sunday School, hockey, and community projects. Barbara loves gardening, cooking, and sewing.

To Kenneth and Barbara four children were



Kenneth Stauffer family – May, 1992. Back Row: Kenneth, Cameron, Ryan. Front Row: Lisa Barbara, Jill.

born – Ryan Kenneth (b. June 14, 1974), Cameron Blaire (b. November 8, 1976), Lisa Joy (b. May 8, 1978), and Jill Amanda (b. December 2, 1981).

Ken loves baseball, hockey, and hunting, and participates in these sports when time permits. Ken, together with his brother, Warren, purchased a Kenworth Highway Transport truck and are presently trucking in Canada and the U.S.A., as well as farming.

They are confirmed members of the Bardo Lutheran Church.

The Warren Eugene Stauffer Family

Warren Eugene, son of Leonard and Evelyne Stauffer, was born July 29, 1960. He took his schooling at the Tofield School and graduated from Grade 12 in 1978.

He worked for a lumber mill in northern B.C. for a winter, then trucked for an oil drilling and a Transport Company. He purchased his own Kenworth, and trucked for a few years.

Warren married Teresa (Terri) Jane Abele, (b. July 28, 1955) daughter of Paul and Edna Abele of Edmonton, on July 10, 1982.

Terri took her schooling at St. Gabriel and Austin O'Brien High in Edmonton. Upon completion of school, she worked for Corona Flowers on Jasper Avenue in Edmonton. From there she was manager of the Bay Flower Shop downtown, and later worked at Salisbury

Greenhouse and Plants Alive. Terri's interest lies in artistic projects, such as flower arranging, needle point, gardening, cooking gourmet and ethnic dishes. Terri is involved in Kindergarten, raising their two children, and community activities.

Warren and Terri's children are Scott Aaron (b. November 3, 1985) and Taryn Elizabeth (b. November 20, 1989).

Warren enjoys snowmobiling, hunting, hockey, and baseball and participates when time permits. Warren, together with his brother Ken, purchased a Kenworth Highway Transport truck and are presently trucking in Canada and the U.S.A., as well as farming. Warren took over the Stauffer farm when his parents moved to Tofield and is the fourth generation to own the original Stauffer farm. His children, Scott and Taryn are the fifth generation to live in the same house. They are confirmed members of the Bardo Lutheran Church.

Stauffer, Norman and Evelyn

(by Evelyn Stauffer)

Evelyn Luella Stauffer, daughter of Joseph E. and Petra Stauffer, was born July 21, 1924, at home in Bardo. My father was given the farm (which had been Rev. Ronning's homestead), from his father J. R. Stauffer.

I attended the Anderson School until 1941, after which I worked as a hired girl until I married Norman E. Stauffer from Aldersyde, Alberta, on July 11, 1946. My uncle Ezra had checked the family tree and confirmed that there were no common ancestors over the previous fifteen generations.

Norman and I moved to Mazeppa, Alberta for almost a year. We then moved back to the folks and Norman got a job at the Round Hill Cheese Factory. Subsequently, we lived in Round Hill, Dodds, Jarrow and then Tofield where Norman worked for Northwestern Utilities until 1968. After a short move to Salmon Arm, B.C., we moved to Edmonton in May, 1968. Norman worked as a maintenance man and welder until he retired. I worked at the Tofield Municipal Hospital, then at the University Hospital, until I retired, after twenty one years, in 1989. Norman and I are certainly enjoying our retirement.

We have three children. Sylvia was born August 23, 1947. She graduated in Public Health in 1969, but returned to the University of Saskatchewan to study for Veterinary Medicine in 1987. She is now a veterinarian in a small animal practice in Calgary.



Terri and Warren Stauffer, Scott, Taryn – 1992.

Duane was born February 23, 1952. He married Anne Patterson on July 31, 1971. They have two children, Gregory (born October 22, 1981) and Sarah (born August 31, 1983). Duane and Anne are employed by the University of Alberta as purchasing co-ordinator of central supply and furnishing, respectively. We enjoy having them live so close to us in Edmonton.

Patricia was born December 1, 1952. She married Alan Holt on April 22, 1972. Their daughter, Ashley, was born July 15, 1982, chosen at twenty months old. They live in Gibson, B.C. where Alan works as a steam engineer in the pulp mill industry and Patricia works as a nurse's aide in extended care facilities.

I am really grateful for the upbringing I had in the Bardo Community. Thank you all.



Back Row: Duane Stauffer, Alan Holt. Middle Row: Anne Marie Stauffer, Sylvia Stauffer, Patricia Holt. Front Row: Ashley Holt, Norman Stauffer, Sarah Stauffer, Evelyn Stauffer, Gregory Stauffer.

Ezra Stauffer

(by Leonard Stauffer)

Ezra Stauffer, son of Joseph and Mattie Stauffer, was born in Milford, Nebraska on February 15, 1898. He went to school in Milford until coming to Bardo with his parents in 1913. He attended school in Bardo for one year, then went to Mennonite College at Hesston, Kansas, and graduated from the Academy Department.

He married Irene Lehman in 1920. They had two sons and three daughters, namely – Robert, James, Margaret, Buelah, and Virginia. Margaret and Virginia died at a very early age. Irene, his wife, passed away in 1945.



Ezra and Stella Stauffer.



Ezra Stauffer's children – James, Beulah, Robert. (Taken at the Lehman reunion on June 28, 1992.)

In 1949, Ezra was remarried to Stella Huber. To them was born Ruth Ann, who now lives in New York.

Ezra was prominent in the Mennonite church for many years teaching Bible School throughout the Alberta-Saskatchewan Mennonite Conference.

In June, 1945, he was ordained as a Minister and served first at the West-Mennonite Church at Carstairs, Alberta. He returned to Dodds where he served the local Salem Mennonite Congregation. Ezra spent most of his married life in the Bardo area, except in 1924 he lived in Portland, Oregon, where he took a draftsman course and graduated as a Draftsman. He passed away suddenly on August 1, 1955.



Ezra and Irene Stauffer.

Robert Stauffer

In July 1946, I married Pearl Porter in Duchess, Alberta. We lived there for a couple of years then moved to the farm near Dodds known as the 'Fisher Place'. After two years there, we moved to the Peace River country where we served for five years in the mission work of the Mennonite church. Renting land was a losing proposition so I worked as a labourer on a bridge over the Smokey River for about two years. When the bridge was completed there was no further employment in the area, so we made a number of moves and had a number of jobs, finally settling on carpentry.

Ten years were spent in Bluesky, Alberta. Much of this time I worked for Burkholder Construction owned by Paul Burkholder. During this time there were slow periods for the company so work was obtained where available.

In 1967, we moved to Edmonton so I could complete my education. After completion of high

school, one year was spent at the University of Alberta and I began my teaching career at the Grande Prairie High School. Summer school and night courses led to a Bachelor of Education degree in 1976. After six years at Grande Prairie teaching a Special Education high school class, I accepted the position of teacher for the building construction class at the new school in Ft. McMurray, Alberta.

In 1985 I retired and we moved to British Columbia. We now live at Lumby in the Okanagan.

Our seven children are all married and live in the three western provinces. Irene is the oldest. She is married to Barry Crick who is a foreman at a plywood mill in Merrit, British Columbia. Irene just received a B.A. degree, completing her studies this past summer (1991). She is interested in teaching trainable retarded pupils, but is now working at correcting correspondence lessons. Barry and Irene have three children.

Terry, the youngest of our children lives in Barrier, B.C. He completed four years at Northwest Baptist Theological College and earned his bachelors degree in Religious Education. He is the Baptist pastor at Barrier, B.C. In 1989, he married Juanita Hearn, a pastor's daughter from Coquitlam, B.C.

Four of the children live in Alberta. Doug built a new house in Morinville and works as a carpenter for Northwestern Utilities. He is married to Evonne Schlabach from Guernsey, Saskatchewan. They have two children.

Charles married Laura Hofer of Raymond, Alberta where they still live. He drives a truck for his occupation. Charles and Laura have two children.

Dennis lives with his wife, the former Leslie Allen of Grande Prairie, in their newly built home in St. Albert, Alberta. He works as an area sales manager for N.A.D.P. Dennis and Leslie have four children.

Donna married Brad Stoesz of Calgary, Alberta where they both work. They live at Bragg Creek where they, too, have built a new home. Brad is a construction contractor and Donna works in accounts payable at the Shell Oil main office. They have two daughters.

Ruth, who is our youngest daughter lives in North Battleford, Saskatchewan with her husband and two daughters. She is married to Don Young who is the manager of the Woolco store there.

The years I spent at the Anderson School (Bardo) are memorable. Bert Loken's teaching on

creation and morals I have never forgotten. In fact, I became a lecturer on Biblical Creation and later, on the New Age, largely because of the seed planted at the old two story Anderson School in Bardo.



Robert and Pearl Stauffer.

Hostetler, Beulah (Stauffer) (Information sent by Beulah)

Beulah was born on August 8, 1926 to Irene and Ezra Stauffer. She attended the Anderson School (Bardo) from 1932 – 1942. She remembers especially the teaching of Selmer Olsenberg and feels he both opened up for her the world of ideas, and gave her confidence to try her wings.

Beulah attended several schools of higher education such as: Heston College, Hesston, Kansas where she received her A.A. in 1945; Goshen College where she attained her B.A. in 1947; Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 1949-1950; University of Alberta, Fine Arts (part-time) 1959-1962; and University of Pennsylvania where she obtained her M.A. in 1975 and Ph.D in 1977.

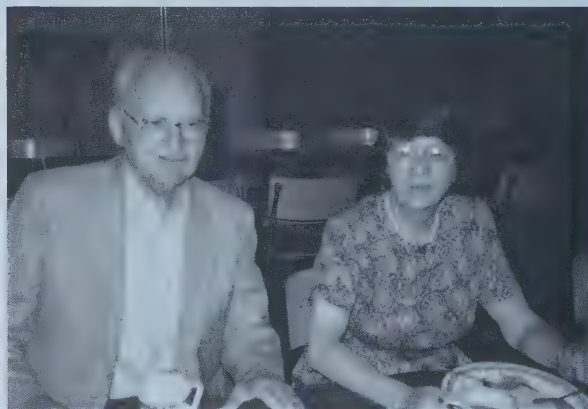
Beulah has published numerous articles and a book, "American Mennonites and Protestant Movements". She married John A. Hostetler, Professor Emeritus Temple University, on February 14, 1953. He, also, is the author of numerous books on the Amish and Hutterites. They have three daughters – Ann Elizabeth, Mary Irene and Laura Elaine.

Ann Elizabeth (born July 25, 1954) is a candidate, University of Pennsylvania, in the field of English Literature. She married Mervin

Smucker, Ph.D. Psychologist in 1979 and they have three children – Elizabeth Marie, Jonathan Andrew and Julia Catherine.

Mary Irene (born October 19, 1956) is a professional violinist. She has a B.M. and M.M. from Temple University. She plays with Tafelmusic of Toronto, The Baroque Soloists of N.J. etc. Mary married Peter Hoyt on August 1, 1984. Peter is a Ph.D. candidate for the University of Pennsylvania in Music Theory. He has his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in Composition.

Laura Elaine (born January 5, 1962) is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania in the field of Chinese History and Literature. She married Mark F. Liechty on December 22, 1984. Mark is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania in the field of Anthropology with a specialty in Nepal.



John and Beulah (Stauffer) Hostetler, 1992.

Stauffer, James

In the early 1950's anyone with a dual citizenship was invited by the Americans to declare their citizenship. Jim did this and was soon drafted into the American military. He was in the US Air Force from 1954 – 1957. He served his overseas term in Alaska. Jim used the isolation and the time he had to study a great number of college books and thus acquired an education without a degree. Near the end of his time in the service he was chosen to take a computer course in California. After his discharge, computers became his vocation.

Jim's first job involving computers was at the Alberta Research Center in Edmonton. He applied for and was successful in joining one of the more respected scientific research companies in America. This firm is A. D. Little and is located in Cambridge, a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts.

Jim and his wife lived in Lexington, Mass. for about twenty years during which time several of Jim's projects were written up, and he delivered them to scientists meeting throughout America.

A number of years ago he accepted a position with the University of Utah State as a Scientific Instrument Specialist. His responsibility is to maintain the computer systems in this university.

Thirty one years ago, in 1960, Jim married Dora Saunders from Morinville, Alberta. Dora has a degree in Economics and has worked as a research technician in Harvard and now in Hughes Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

Jim and Dora have two children. Jill was married to Jon Manney in 1987. He is an instructor of English at Hodail College in Utah. Jill also has a degree in English. She writes poetry as well as prose and instructs at Kueka College, also in Utah.

Their son, Don, has just recently completed his work on his degree in Economics and lives in Boston at the present time.



James Stauffer.

Ruth Ann Stauffer

After Ezra Stauffer died in 1955 his second wife Stella and her daughter, Ruth Ann lived on the farm near Dodds. Several years later they moved to Ontario where Stella remarried. She passed away in 1981.

Ruth Ann had already completed her studies and was occupied as a lawyer in New York City for several years. She still lives in Manhattan, New York and is practicing Law.

Ruth Ann is blissfully single, and being unencumbered by the responsibilities of family life she enjoys travelling. Her holidays are usually spent somewhere in Europe but she has been to Australia and has visited Alberta on several occasions. So far (1991) she has not visited British Columbia.



Ruth Ann Stauffer, 1971.

William and Katie Stauffer

(by Merlin Stauffer)

William Stauffer, the fourth son of Benedict and Magdalena Stauffer, moved with his parents from Shickley, Nebraska to a farm north of Dodds in 1911. The previous year, Katie Mae, the third child of N.E. and Amanda Roth, moved with her parents from Milford, Nebraska to a farm located west of Dodds. In November 1915, William and Katie were married by the bride's father, Bishop N.E. Roth, and took up residence on the Sr. Stauffer farm. Sometime later they moved to the south half of 19-49-18-W4 where they spent the balance of their married life. Over the years they became the parents of six children, who grew to adulthood on the homeplace. Their first child was a stillborn son, followed by Grace, who married Roy Buschert and moved to Carstairs, Alberta where they still reside. Next, is Pearl, who married Ernie Yoder. They farmed in the Bardo district until 1952, at which time they moved to Camrose where Pearl still lives. Florence married Joseph J. Voegtlin and moved to the Voegtlin farm where they still reside. Louida married Dennis Reil and moved to a farm on the south shore of Beaverhill Lake. They later moved into Tofield and now live near Newbrook, Alberta. Merlin, the first living son, married Betty Kauffman and lived on the home farm for twelve years. They moved into Tofield in 1965, to Edmonton in 1969, to Calgary in 1984, and back to Tofield in 1990. Harley, the youngest, married Gloria Boettger. They lived in Edmonton for a number of years and then moved to Bluesky, Alberta, where they reside today. None of these children required extra curricular activities to keep them in shape, since they walked 4½ miles round trip to attend the Grand Forks school.

On a mixed farm there was always a host of chores to be done, so farm girls and boys had little

time to wonder what to do. Moving onto a place that was mostly covered with trees presented a challenge, especially when an axe was the instrument that was used to fell the trees. Once the trees were cut down, there was piling, burning and pulling of stumps, and eventually breaking the virgin soil to prepare it for cropping. Even after the land was plowed the work was not finished. It was then time to pick roots and rocks and work down the breaking to the point where it was ready to be seeded. Grain was grown for livestock, food, flour, and also to sell when there was a market for it. When land was being cleared, all financial resources were going in the wrong direction (that is, out instead of in) but somehow people persevered and achieved their goal of making a living off the land.



William Stauffer's 1912 Mogul.

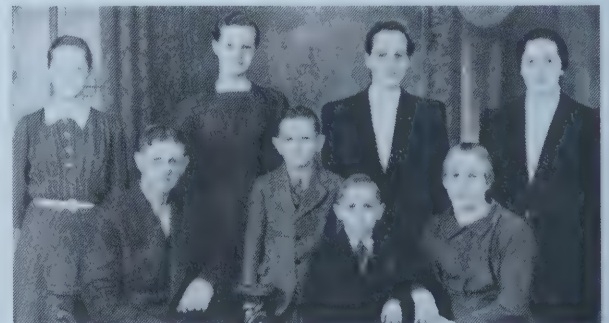
When we consider what our parents went through, especially those who were just nicely getting established when the depression hit, and also trying to make ends meet in the "dirty thirties", we marvel that any of them lived as long as they did. To assist in making the farm pay William had a milk route for a number of years, hauling milk to the Round Hill cheese factory. When that factory burned down he hauled milk to Bawlf, until the new factory was built. In harvest and seeding time, the milk still had to be hauled, so the ladies in the family became milkmaids. The clean, empty milk cans had to be returned the same day, since it would have been considered wasteful to own enough cans to store milk for more than a maximum of two days. Today, a few extra miles just means a few extra minutes, however, when your cruising speed was under 4 miles per hour, every extra mile of route meant an extra 15 or 20 minutes both coming and going. I remember that my parents received the "princely" sum of 10 cents for every hundred pounds of milk they delivered.

Another service that went along with hauling milk was that of bringing your customers their groceries. If the lady of the house needed groceries, she just made a list to give to the milkman/maid, when the milk was picked up. The lists were dropped off at the store on the way in, and the clerks would pack the groceries and have them ready when the milk hauler stopped on the return trip. This service was cheerfully provided and was free of charge.

Drought, excess rain, hailstorms, early snows and other hardships all took their toll on our parents. In spite of the fact that life was difficult at times, and money was scarce, faith in a benevolent God and with the promise of next year, the early settlers never gave up believing that they had done the right thing, when they left the comfort of an established community, to begin a new life in the Canadian west.

In 1952, Katie passed away suddenly from heart failure and is buried in the Salem Mennonite Church cemetery. William continued to live on the farm until 1972, at which time he moved to a Seniors Lodge at Viking, where he resided until his passing in 1976. He is also buried in the Salem cemetery.

Today the south half of 19-49-18-W4 is owned by Lars and Gladys Rude where a large house with straight and square walls stands as a monument to our father's interest in doing well, whatever he did. We, as children, also know that whatever was accomplished on that place, could never have been done without the cooperation and assistance of our mother. Blessed be their memory!



Back Row: Louida, Florence, Pearl, Grace. Front Row: William, Merlin, Harley, Katie Stauffer.

Merlin and Betty Stauffer (by Merlin Stauffer)

Merlin, the first living son of William and Katie Stauffer was born in the time of the great depression; that period was known as the "dirty

thirties". It was not until I became an adult that I realized just how difficult things were in those years. I, along with my older sisters and younger brother, walked the 2¼ miles to Grand Forks School, winter and summer, along with all the other children in the community who happened to live in the same direction from school.

Being the oldest son, I learned to drive the tractor, harness and drive horses, and milk cows at a very early age. Seed time and harvest were times when everything else, including school, was of secondary importance. In the early days, it was common practice for sons to miss school, to assist in the harvest. I happened to grow up in that transition period during which some people believed a formal education was of primary importance, and others believed that boys only went to school when the farm work was all finished in the fall.

In 1953, I married Betty Kauffman, who grew up in the Bardo District and attended school there. After our marriage we settled on the home place and lived there for a period of twelve years. We were blessed with six children, who today are scattered all over North America. Dianne married Kelly Kimmett. They have three children and live in Cochrane, Alberta. Margaret married Dennis Nice. They have three children and live in McMinnville, Oregon. Brenda married George Jablonsky. They have one child, and live in Richmond, British Columbia. Douglas is single and lives in North Vancouver, B.C. Maureen is single, and lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Darren is single and lives in Elm Springs, Arkansas.

During the years we were on the farm, we milked cows, raised hogs and had laying hens. We always had a large garden which adequately supplied vegetables for our table. Besides farming,

I did other extra curricular activities such as electrical wiring, telephone line maintenance and repair, mechanical repair, carpentry work and all the other odd jobs that go with being a farmer and a neighbour. I also owned one of the first powerline welders in the community and on occasion the welder became a community gathering spot.

In 1965, after determining that our future was not on the farm, we had a sale and moved into the town of Tofield which was the beginning of a 19 year stint in the Ag-related industry. I worked as partsman for a John Deere dealer in Tofield, and later was in a partnership with Keith Francis in a short line dealership until we were burned out in December of 1967. In January, 1968 I began working for Martin Farm Equipment in Edmonton as an assistant partsman. Later I was Service Manager, during which time I acquired my Heavy duty Mechanics license. I followed this with a career in selling the "long green line". Besides selling farm equipment, I also worked for a period of time for the Alberta Department of Agriculture as an inspector, and as a Territory Manager for Degelman Industries of Regina for 1½ years.

Besides being a mother and homemaker, Betty worked at Charlie's Place in the kitchen and clerked at Super A in Tofield. After our move to Edmonton she worked for Sears in Edmonton for 14 years.

In the spring of 1984 I was offered a job with Mennonite Foundation of Canada as a Stewardship Consultant. Since the Foundation office was in Calgary, we moved there. That was the end of my nineteen years in the Ag-related Industry.

Betty was able to transfer to Sears in Calgary, where she worked for another six years. Throughout the years, I have been involved in some kind of church work ever since I taught my first Sunday School class at the age of seventeen. I served as a teacher and also as Superintendent of Daily Vacation Bible School for a number of years. After moving to Edmonton, I served on the Ministry Team at Holyrood Mennonite Church for a period of seven years, four as co-pastor. In 1979 we lived for four months in Hesston, Kansas, where I spent one semester in the Bible Department of Hesston College. To leave the world of business and responsibility for a period of time and concentrate on Bible Studies was a very positive experience. Since we still had children at home in school, Leonard and Florence King volunteered to live in our house and be parents while we were gone.

I served as chairman of the Leadership



Merlin Stauffer family. Doug, Darren, Maureen, Margaret, Dianne, Brenda.

Commission in the Northwest Conference of the Mennonite Church and was President of this Conference for a period of four years. After moving to Calgary in 1984 I became a part of the "Lay Ministry Team" in the Foothills Mennonite Church where I was ordained. In 1990 we responded in the affirmative when we received a call to provide spiritual leadership in the Tofield Mennonite Church where I am now serving as Senior Pastor. Twenty one years after leaving Tofield, we returned to Tofield where we plan to retire.



Merlin and Betty Stauffer.

Stauffer, John L. and Barbara (Roth)
(by Verda Burkholder and Harry Stauffer)

How blessed it is for grandchildren when they can write about both sides of the family, as Harry felt privileged to give some of his recollections of his grandparents.

John Stauffer was born February 27, 1861 at Folgenburg, Alsaac, France. He died January 19, 1930 at his home on the farm, NE-7-49-18-4, in the Grand Forks School district. He was the youngest of a family of nine children, of which six reached adulthood. He was five years old when his parents came to America in 1866 and settled in McLean County, Illinois. Even as a youngster he could recollect experiences of his home life at Folgenburg.

John's wife, Barbara Roth, was born December

29, 1861 in Livingston County, Illinois which borders McLean County. She died at Tofield, Alberta while staying at the home of Ezra and Millie Yoder in October, 1942.

The Stauffer family left Illinois in 1887 and settled in Milford, Nebraska. Grandpa John went back to Illinois to claim his bride. They were married on December 25, 1882. They lived on a farm near Milford until March, 1910 when they decided to move to Alberta, Canada. John and Barbara had a family of nine children, of which seven reached adulthood. Five daughters and one son travelled to Alberta with their parents. They left on March 7, 1910 and arrived on Monday, March 14, after spending the weekend on a siding in Wainwright, Alberta. The trains did not travel on Sundays in those days. There was very little snow left when they arrived. Unloading their possessions at Tofield, they moved into a house which stood on the spot where Kallal's "North Pole" is located along the present Highway 14, which wasn't a highway at that time. The following week they moved to a place known then as the 'Shepard Place' (SW-6-49-18-W4). That summer they were very busy building a large house and big barn on the land which they had bought in 1905 (South 1/2-7-49-18-W4). He had also bought the North 1/2-7-49-18-4 in 1904 from the C.P.R.

It is thought that depression strikes our society because of hurried ways. John L. was also overcome by the heavy building schedule, and he was missing the dear friends he had left in Nebraska. One week during that first summer he was quite sick and did not know the nature of his illness. Finally, his wife became aware that it was depression. She turned to the Bible for help. It would be good to know what portion she read and what promise she claimed on behalf of her husband, for it had the desired affect. He returned to normal activity after a week in bed.

They were privileged to see seven children grow to adults and get married. Three were married in Nebraska: Kathryn married Daniel Bender, Emma married Simon Stalter, Ben returned to Nebraska in 1913 to marry Elizabeth Ridiger of Milford. She died in 1918, the year of the flu epidemic. Ben then married Nora King in 1920. Barbara married Jacob L. Yoder on October 27, 1910. Anna married Elmer Maurer on October 20, 1912. Milly married Ezra Yoder on March 21, 1918 and Ida married Jacob King on July 28, 1921.

Truly God has been gracious to our pioneers who started in a new land and community and were blessed with wonderful neighbors and friends.



J.L. Stauffer family. Ida, Barbara, Grandpa Stauffer, Ben, Grandma Stauffer, Annie, Millie, Emma.

Stauffer, Benjamin and Nora (King) (by Verda Burkholder and Harry Stauffer)

Nora was born April 24, 1897 to Aaron and Elizabeth King. She was married to Benjamin Stauffer, son of John L. and Barbara (Roth) Stauffer, on January 22, 1920. Their married life



Ben and Nora Stauffer, 1920.

started on SW-7-49-18-4, the place that John L. Stauffer bought in 1905 and moved onto in 1910. Ben and Nora had three children – Harry (born November 5, 1920), Verda (born April 15, 1922), and John, who was stillborn in May, 1924. Tragic was Nora's lot, as her husband, Ben, was accidentally killed in a tractor-plough mishap in May, 1924.

Nora and family lived where Harry Stauffer now lives, until 1935. After the death of her father, Aaron King, she and the children moved to the place across the road from the Mennonite Church.

Nora received much enjoyment boarding winter Bible School students and summer Bible School children. Were it not for her enjoyment of milking cows, those first years as a widow would have meant some real hardships. She milked by hand until she was 65 years old and kept her chickens a few years longer. At the age of 83 she moved into the Tofield Lodge and four days past her 87th birthday she went on to her desire of a Heavenly Home.

After Nora's death the farm became her daughter, Verda's place, which is now farmed by her son, Glenn Burkholder.

Stauffer, Harry and Gladys (by Harry Stauffer)

Harry lived on his Grandfather King's farm for nine years from 1935 – 1944 when he and Gladys Riest were married. They moved to the J. L. Stauffer farm (SW-7-49-18-4) to start house-keeping. The large house had burned down in 1935 which meant they had to remodel the shop and garage for living quarters. Peter Bjornson and his brother, Botolv, did an excellent job of making it liveable.

Harry and Gladys were blest with four daughters and one son. They are listed in order of birth. Fern Nadine married Nathan Kauffman from Condon, Montana. They have two children: Tresa and Duane. Tresa married Mike Newhall and they have Harry and Gladys' first great-grandson, Andrew.

Bernard married Connie (Martin-Sitler) and they have a son, Cody. On April 27, 1993, twins were born to Bernard and Connie – a son, Tyson Edward, and a daughter, Sarah Mary.

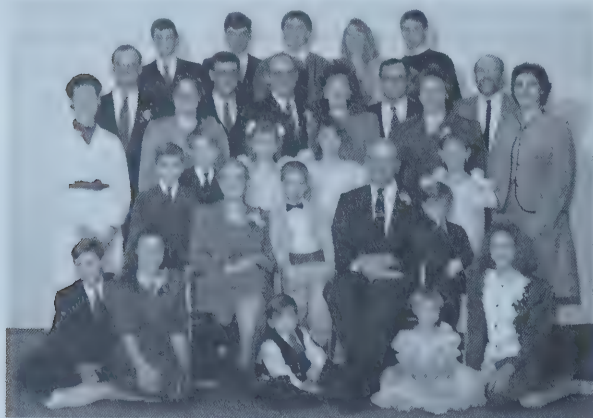
Marlene married Sam Seutter and they have three daughters – Shari, Tanya and Laura. They milk cows in the Sherwood Park area.

Rita married Kenneth Seutter. They live at Aldergrove, British Columbia. Their family is

comprised of seven sons – Glenn, Jacob, Abraham, Joshua, Aaron, Isaac and Enoch.

Barbara married Don Allen. They live at Chauvin, Alberta. They have four children – Melissa, Danielle, Kurtis and Cherise.

Grandma and Grandpa do not lack reasons for travelling to visit their children and grandchildren.



Harry and Gladys Stauffer family. Sitting: Gladys, Kurtis Allen, Harry. Kneeling: Grandchildren – Abe Seutter, Shari Seutter, Enock Seutter, Cherise Allen, Tonya Seutter. Standing: Grandchildren – Aaron Seutter, Joshua Seutter, Melissa Allen, Laura Seutter, Isaac Seutter, Danelle Allen. Standing: Barbara and Dan Allen, Rita and Kenneth Seutter, Bernard and Connie Stauffer, Sam and Marlene Seutter, Nathan and Fern Kauffman. Back Row: Jacob Seutter, Glenn Seutter, Duane Kauffman, Teresa and Mike Newhall.

Steen, Arnold and Ragna

(by Edna Steen)

Arnold Steen left Minnesota as a young man in 1901, arriving at Bardo, Alberta, where he filed for a homestead. It was here he met Ragna Jevning. Ragna had arrived in Bardo in 1894 from East Grand Forks, Minnesota with her father, Nels Jevning. She had continued her schooling at the small school that was built in Bardo in 1898. She also attended Strathcona High School in South Edmonton.

Arnold and Ragna were married in November, 1904. After their wedding, they left for the coast, their destination – Silverton, Oregon. They spent the next six years in Silverton. Two boys were born – Edward, on November 9, 1905, and Alvin on December 10, 1908.

In 1910 they returned to Bardo, Alberta and after building a small house, moved onto their homestead. This was to be their home for the next 37 years. The early years on a homestead were very difficult. Fields had to be ploughed and prepared for seeding, a barn was built, a well dug, and their

property had to be properly fenced. Through their own efforts they built a place they could call their home. Gradually the community emerged with a church and two local schools.

Arnold had purchased a steam engine and threshing machine and each fall went from farm to farm, threshing the grain. This added to their income. During World War I, a daughter, Edna, was born in 1916. Arnold bought a car, a Chevrolet, and Ragna received a washing machine with a motor attached and the laundry was done in a short time. A son was born in 1921 called Robert Alton, nicknamed “Buddy”, which became “Bud”. The Steens drove their car in 1928 to the coast. They took bedding, cooking utensils and a tent. Their first camping trip was experienced, and they enjoyed every minute of it.

The Steens were fond of music. Arnold played the violin, Edna played the piano and sometimes a neighbor joined them on the accordin. This was a delight to everyone. Ragna would serve fresh buns or doughnuts with coffee. Saturday night was special as they listened to the hockey games coming from Toronto, on the radio.

The Steens struggled through the Depression. When they sold grain for \$0.25 a bushel, money became very scarce. Added to their woes were the dust storms and drought. World War II, broke out in 1939 and lasted for six years. Edna and Bud joined the air force. This was a time of rationing and a lack of help. Many of the young men were in the service.

Ragna and a relative, compiled a history of the Bardo community (Pioneer Days in Bardo, Alberta). The result was a book which was sold. It was well received. After the war Arnold and Ragna moved off the farm. The children were on their own and it became difficult to keep the farm in operation. Bud, the youngest son, married Olive Orr. Two children were born – Linda Fay and Robert Arnold. Arnold and Ragna who lived in Camrose, were delighted with the grandchildren.

Arnold and Ragna returned to Bardo to celebrate their Golden wedding and visit with old friends. The children presented them with rings. Arnold became ill suddenly and passed away May 7, 1958. He was 79 years old. Ragna, crippled with arthritis, followed 4 years later, on April 13, 1962. She was 80 years old. The pioneers were the heroes of their time. They laid the foundation for farming in Western Canada. They built a railroad so others could follow. The century, 1894 to 1994, was a time of tremendous progress. A show of gratitude to the pioneers who started it all!



Steen family, 1946. Alvin, Edna, Arnold, "Bud", Ragna, Eddie.



Grandfather clock made by Arnold Steen. A saw, penknife and scraps of wood were used to turn out a machine that records time with unerring precision and strikes the hour and halfhour.

Edward Steen (Eddie)

(by Edna Steen)

Eddie Steen came to Canada with his parents in 1910 at the age of five years. He grew up on the farm and remained there until after the war in 1945. At that time he went into the construction business as a plasterer, with his brother Alvin.

Eddie had a keen interest in sports and attended many of the ball tournaments in Alberta. He belonged to the Male Chorus in Bardo which was under the direction of Alvin Anderson.

He took part in many of the activities of the

Bardo Lutheran Church. On the farm, Ragna depended on him to a great extent. He was a very kind person who would help anyone in need. He did not marry, but had several interests and enjoyed life in many ways. Eddie died from cancer in Camrose on April 5, 1981. He was 75 years old.

Alvin and Ellen Steen

(by Edna Steen)

Alvin came to Canada in 1910 with his parents when he was two years old. He attended the Grand Forks school and worked on the farm. He played hockey and at that time they built their own rink. They hauled water and flooded a flat piece of land which became ice, and this in turn, became the rink. Alvin married the local school teacher, Ellen Walker. The day of the wedding a howling blizzard made it almost impossible to travel. However, the ceremony took place with many guests absent. They enjoyed many happy years of married life. They farmed the first years of their married life.

After the war, Alvin became a plasterer and business was good. They moved to different locations in the province where construction was in progress. Alvin and Ellen had a daughter, Linda in 1945, but she lived only one week. In the early sixties they purchased a home in Calgary and lived there for the remainder of their years. Ellen returned to teaching in Calgary. At this time Alvin had suffered a heart attack, so he was unable to continue in his trade.

Alvin and Ellen loved camping and every year saw them travelling to different locations and enjoying the great outdoors. Alvin had a sudden heart attack in October, 1977. He passed away November 3, 1977 at the age of 68 years. Ellen left Calgary and moved into an apartment in Edmonton. She passed away October 1, 1979 from kidney failure. She was 68 years old.



Alvin and Ellen Steen.

Steen, Edna

Edna was born July 26, 1916, in Bardo, Alberta. She attended Grand Forks school, and took her high school at Anderson and Kingman. She had one year at Camrose Lutheran College where she took music and sang with a choral group. She also attended Alberta College in Edmonton where she took a business course, but jobs were scarce at this time. During World War II, she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) and served in Canada for four years. After the war she was employed with the Unemployment Insurance Commission in Edmonton for ten years. She then decided to move to the coast where she lived for 25 years. While there, she worked at the Post Office for 14 years. On retirement she returned to Edmonton. Edna was fond of travelling and toured many countries in Europe and went on one tour to the Middle East.

In Bardo, there were picnics in the summer when we ran races and played ball. Christmas was a special time, visiting with relatives and neighbors. Concerts were held in the school and church, with singing and small plays. There was great excitement for everyone. In the church the candles on the tree were lit, and the children joined hands and walked around the tree singing an old Christmas carol. Anyone living in Bardo and growing up there had a sense of security. Your neighbor was your friend and in time of need a helping hand was there. In the country you learn the beauty of nature. The children had their pets – a dog or a horse, and there were wide open spaces to explore. There have been many changes in Bardo but we have our memories and they are with us still.

Steen, Robert (Bud)

(by Olive Steen)

Bud was born at the Steen farm home in Bardo, Alberta on November 14, 1921. He attended Grand Forks and Anderson Schools. Bud joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in Canada until the end of the war in 1945. He then lived in Camrose where he played hockey with the 'Camrose Maroons' and worked with Steen Brothers, stuccoing and plastering.

In 1948 Bud married Olive Orr, a Camrose school teacher. Their daughter, Linda Fay was born in 1950. She is a Teacher/Librarian in Calgary, living in a cozy home owned by Alvin and Ellen Steen. Son, Robert Arnold, was born in 1951. He is employed by Alberta Government Telephones and lives in Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

Following the dissolution of the contracting business, Bud was employed as a Pipe Inspector working locally, and also in Japan and in the United States. Bud was keenly interested in all sports, baseball and hockey in particular. After a brief illness he died on January 7, 1979 of lung cancer. He was only 57 years.

Olive continued to live and teach in Camrose where she still lives after her retirement.



Robert and Olive Steen, 1978. Back Row: Robert (son), John Kirstein. Front Row: Bud, Linda (Steen) Kirstein, Olive Steen.

Alfred and Anna Stronstad

Alfred Stronstad was born in 1886 at Stronstad in the Lofoten Islands, Norway. His wife, Anna Matheson, was born in 1890 in Forde i Sunnfjord, Norway. They came to Canada in 1909 and were married by Rev. Ronning, in Bardo, Alberta where they settled. They lived in the old log house on the 'Haugseth Place' presently owned by Barry Strilchuk. (1992) In 1923 they moved from Bardo to a farm ten miles north of Ryley, Alberta.

Alfred and Anna had six children: Melvin, Jergen, Wilfred, Opal, Eleanor and Clifford. Melvin became an ordained Minister. He married Edith Bendicksen in 1936. They had three children. Wilfred married Edith Jaffrey of Rimbey, Alberta in 1942. They had three children. Opal married Kay Pederson from Norway in 1944. They had three children as well. Eleanor married Mark Frisk of Coquitlam, B.C. in 1955. They also had three children. Jergen passed away at age 28 in Edmonton and Clifford passed away in infancy.

The David Stutzman Family History

(by Olive Stutzman)

It is amazing how the influence of one man can change the destiny of so many fellow humans. Mr. Blackburn was such a man. He was a "super-duper" real estate wonder. He travelled to Nebraska from Tofield. He lauded about the

bountiful crops and cheap land of the Tofield district until the crowded Nebraskans dreamed of spacious freedom and fortune. A land where the buffalo roam, a place where they could “build a sweet little nest somewhere in the West” and live content in ‘My Blue Heaven’.

The Nebraskans were interested and sent their scouts to spy out the land. Nick Roth, Valentine Roth, Henry Roth and J.L. Stauffer landed in Wetaskiwin in April, 1905. The Blackburn Brothers met them at the train. It was a beautiful sunny day for the Blackburns to show these scouts the beauty of the country. Before they reached the Rude place, however, they were introduced to the wonders of an Alberta blizzard. The scouts looked above and beyond the fickle weather. They returned home with glowing accounts of a land of plenty. They carried home stalks of wheat that made everyone’s eyes pop and their adrenalin flow.

At that time they decided to sell out and move to Alberta. Nick and Valentine Roth, Joe, John, and Ben Stauffer (sons of J.L. Stauffer) and Henry Stauffer arrived in Tofield in 1911. A sturdy immigrant freight car carried their earthly possessions with them. As well, Will Stutzman arrived that same year and Milo Stutzman one year later. They all found the perfect location to build their sweet, little nests.

John Stauffer bought the section, 7-49-18-W4, east of the former Grand Forks School. He paid \$3.00 an acre for the south half and \$8.00 an acre for the north half. Most of the north half was treed with some open spots. The Amisk Creek meanders lazily through this property and in early years was stocked with many fish. Clarence and Emil Rude broke the land with their oxen and breaking plow. It went well, despite the heel flies, which would give the oxen a heady urge for a safer refuge in the nearest slough.

In 1910 John Stauffer built a new set of buildings on the S.W. quarter where Harry Stauffer now lives. The family lived there until another farm site was built on the N.E. quarter in 1912. Roger Stutzman now lives on this site. Ben and Lizzie Stauffer occupied the original site in 1913. John built still another set of buildings on the N.W. quarter for his daughter, Kate Bender and her family – Mahlon, Elmer and Fannie. These buildings are no longer standing.

The last house John built was for his daughter, Ida, and her husband, Jake King in 1921. This house was in John’s yard on the N.E. quarter. The King’s lived there until 1938. The north half section was sold to Milo and David Stutzman. Joe

Lehman rented the farm until David’s marriage to Olive Heffren in 1940. Olive came from the Edgerton district to the Kingman – Bardo area in 1930 to teach school. She has lived here ever since that time. Olive taught in the senior room of the Anderson School (Bardo) the last two years before it closed in 1959. David became a full-time farmer in 1948, the year he finished truck driving. The house was remodelled in 1952.

In this home, the four Stutzman children were born and raised. Merle was their special child born in 1942. He brightened their home with his sunny disposition and love until his passing on April 5, 1988.

Roger, born in 1943, still lives on the farm which he bought from his parents when they moved to Tofield in 1970. In 1965, Roger married Margaret Grove from Markham, Ontario. They have two sons: Robert (1966) and Colin (1968). Robert is a market gardener and has a 6 acre plot on the farm. Robert married Elaine Burkholder, daughter of Howard and Dorothy Burkholder, on December 19, 1992. They are living in Edmonton, Alberta. Colin attended Olds College and took a course in Soil Sciences. He has worked for the Alberta Government – Forestry Department – taking and testing soil samples. Colin is presently working in Whitehorse.

Leonard, their third son, was born in 1945. While serving in voluntary service in Belize, C.A., he met his wife, Beatrice Beachy. They were married in 1968 and now reside near Greenwood, Delaware. They have two children: Jeffrey (1971) and Paula (1974).

David and Olive’s only daughter, Florence, was



David and Olive Stutzman family. Back Row: Paula Stutzman, David Stutzman, Beatrice Stutzman, Roger Stutzman, Leonard Stutzman. Middle Row: Dr. Shelly Sethi, Florence Sethi, Olive Stutzman, Margaret Stutzman. Front Row: Jeffrey Stutzman, Stephen Sethi, Michael Sethi, Robert Stutzman, Colin Stutzman.

born in 1948. She obtained her nurse's training in Waterloo, Ontario and nursed in hospitals in Hazelton, British Columbia, and Hay River, N.W.T. While in Hay River she met her husband, Dr. Shelly Sethi. They were married in 1973 and now live in Mansfield, Ohio. They have two children: Stephen (1976) and Michael (1978).

Quote: "The grandchildren we have are the pride and joy of our hoary heads. We trust they will live a joyous Christian life: a life of blessing and positive influence on all they meet". Olive Stutzman

Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

(Submitted by Olive Sutton and daughter, Marjorie)

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sutton lived in Ontario where three children were born: Percy, Mabel and Lottie. The mother died when Percy was six years old. Mr. Sutton later married Mary Shaw. The family moved to Alberta in 1906.

Mr. Sutton purchased the Matatall farm, S1/2-27-49-19-W4. His shopping was done in Tofield and his transportation was a horse and buggy.

Mrs. Mary Sutton died in 1929 and Joseph died in 1935. They are buried in the Tofield Cemetery.

Percy was born in 1892. He married Olive Nomeland in 1925. They took over the farm when his father passed away. Percy and Olive lived there until Percy passed away in 1954. Olive continued on the farm until 1975 when she moved into a new home in Tofield where she still resides at the time of this writing in 1993.

Percy and Olive had four children: Marjorie married Norman Oslund; Kenneth, William (Bill) and Percy Jr.

Joseph's daughter, Mabel married Emery Bealer and after his death she married Torfin Brocke. They lived in Oregon. Lottie married Sam Priest and after his death she married Pete Burness. They too lived in Oregon.

Myrtle and Albert Sutton

by Evelyn Nelson

Myrtle and Albert Sutton and their two year old daughter, Evelyn, moved to the Jim Easton farm in the Bardo district in 1930. On April 26, 1931, their son Douglas was born. In the spring of 1935, they moved a mile west to their own land in the Ketchamoot district.

Four more children were born to them: Larry Frank, Eunice Marie, Randy Mervin and Wanda Lee.

During the Second World War it was very difficult to get hired help. Myrtle pitched in, and not only helped with stooking grain during harvest at home, but also worked for the neighboring farmers. After years of milking cows and working on the farm, a highlight for her was a trip to Europe in 1977 to visit her oldest granddaughter, Dianne, and her first great-grandchild, Sylvia. In December of that same year, Albert and Myrtle celebrated their Golden Wedding.



Albert and Myrtle Sutton. Back Row: Larry, Randy, Douglas. Front Row: Wanda Craigen, Evelyn Nelson, Myrtle Sutton, Eunice Parent.

Albert worked for Northwestern Utilities in later years. While he was working on the gas line, he was involved in an accident with a ditching machine and lost his left hand. He was fitted with an artificial limb and became very proficient with it. He was an avid gardener and loved hunting and fishing. He passed away at his home on the farm at the age of 78, on April 10, 1981.

After Albert's death, Randy and his wife and family moved from Edmonton to live with his mother on the family farm. In February of 1991, Myrtle moved to Heritage Manor in Camrose where she is presently living.

Evelyn Viola (Sutton) Nelson

by Evelyn Nelson

I was born on August 23, 1928, to Myrtle and Albert Sutton at my Grandmother Sutton's home. When I was two years old we moved to the Bardo district.

I started in grade one at Anderson (Bardo) School in September, 1934, and continued to attend there until I completed grade eleven.

In the spring of 1935, Ivan Foshaug purchased this farm which meant we had to move. My father had a quarter section of land one mile west, with a well but no buildings. This was in the dirty thirties and money was scarce so my father cut large poplar logs on my grandmother's farm, had some lumber sawed from these and built a one room log house for us to move into.

On June 7, 1939, my brother Larry Frank was born at home with Dr. Frank Law in attendance. This was the third Sutton baby that he helped bring into the world. I remember coming home from school about a week after his birth and seeing all my Dad's horses in the barn fully harnessed. My mother had had a blood clot pass through her heart and miraculously had survived, but the ambulance had been called to take her and my baby brother to the hospital in Edmonton.

One winter day when Larry was about two years old, my parents went into Tofield for their weekly groceries and I was left at home to watch my brothers. A blizzard came up and my parents were delayed in getting home. As the house got colder and colder from the wind blowing in, I remember dressing my little brother in his snowsuit, opening the oven door on the old cook stove and placed him in the oven to keep warm.

As Anderson School only offered grade eleven, I went to the regional high school in Holden for my grade twelve year. Following this I moved to Camrose to work in a store. On July 28, 1946, I was married to Leroy Nelson at Park Lutheran Church and we moved to our little two-room house on his father's farm. Our daughter, Dianne Marie, was born on June 27, 1950 and our son, Brian Leroy was born May 15, 1955.

As our children were growing I worked at a variety of part-time jobs; but in April, 1969, I took a full time position as the Director of Preventive Social Services for the City and County of Camrose. In September of 1975 I became a Regional Consultant for the Province of Alberta for the same program, now renamed, Family and Community Support Services. I worked in this position for fifteen years until my retirement in November of 1990.

Our daughter, Dianne, completed high school at Camrose Composite; took her first year university at Camrose Lutheran College; worked one summer at Brooks Horticultural Station where she met a young German exchange student. That fall she went to Germany where she worked in a hotel, taught conversational English in exchange for German lessons, and the next summer

announced her engagement to Hans Rommel. The following September they flew back to Canada and were married at Ohaton United Church. They are presently operating a greenhouse and flower shop business in Nonnenhorn, Germany. They have two teenage daughters, Sylvia and Marina.



Leroy and Evelyn Nelson. Back Row: Dianne Rommel, Brian. Front Row: Leroy and Evelyn Nelson.



Leroy and Evelyn Nelson family. (Taken in Germany in January, 1992.) Back Row: Hans Rommel, Brian Nelson. Middle Row: Sylvia, Dianne Rommel, Leroy Nelson, Evelyn Nelson, Colleen Nelson. Front Row: Penny Nelson, Marina Rommel, Sean Nelson.

Our son, Brian, attended Camrose Lutheran Junior College for two years, then went to the University of Alberta to complete his B.A. and work towards his Masters in Family Studies. He was employed for a number of years at the Camrose International Institute until he and his wife, Colleen, purchased the home farm. They have two children, Penny and Sean. Colleen teaches school in Camrose.

We kept our house on the farm and continue to live there. However, as we now have a home away from home in Germany, we have taken advantage of this and have travelled to Europe several times. Since our retirement, we also enjoy camping in our fifth-wheel trailer. I have also enrolled in some art courses in an attempt to upgrade my painting skills.

Douglas Henry Sutton

Douglas was born on April 26, 1931, to parents, Albert and Myrtle Sutton. He attended Anderson (Bardo) School. He started grade one in 1937 and completed grade eleven there. Doug worked in the oilfield for a number of years and then moved to Camrose where he was employed with Brager Transport. He married Velma Donald on December 13, 1956 (now deceased).

Douglas and Velma had two children, Marvin, who was born March 30, 1957; and Lori, who was born January 30, 1958. They moved to Vermilion where Doug operated a welding shop. They later moved to Ft. McMurray where he worked as a welder. Following this he purchased his own truck and operated out of Athabasca. Doug is now retired and lives, twelve miles north of Boyle, Alberta.

Marvin is married to Diane Hafner and lives in Vermilion, Alberta. They have three children, Jennifer, Derrick and Albert.

Lori is working and living in Boyle, Alberta.

Eunice Marie (Sutton) Parent

I was born on November 7, 1944, in Edmonton and lived the first seventeen years of my life on a farm in the Ketchamoot district. I attended Anderson (Bardo) School for six years. I have many memories of my school years including the track meets and box socials.

Some of my favorite memories revolve around my brother, Larry, (better known as Butch) and our horses. My horse was a Shetland pony named Teddy and Butch rode a large grey named Beauty. Beauty was able to slip out of her halter almost at will, open the barn door and leave Butch

stranded at school, so my faithful pony used to carry us both home. Another thing Beauty was famous for was going lame, so I would end up riding her home while Butch's feet would almost drag the road while riding Teddy. We got some very strange looks from people passing by! Teddy also pulled his share of stunts. He once left me at our gate and went to school without me. Another time he took me a half mile from home and then refused to go either to school or return home until my mother came to my rescue.

My most favorite memory of all was of the Christmas concerts we used to have. One especially stands out in my mind. That year Santa, Butch, somehow got the wrong register and started calling the children to come up on stage to get their gifts. I'm not sure the 30 and 40 year old "children" appreciated it.

In grade seven I was bussed to the Tofield School from which I graduated in 1962. I worked for almost two years for the CIBC in Camrose, then married a fellow employee, Edward Parent, in 1964. Eleven towns later, we have seen most of Alberta and are still with the bank. We are presently living in Boyle, Alberta where Ed manages the bank and I work for the public library two days a week and the video store one day a week.

We have four grown children. Kenneth was born in Mannville, Alberta, in 1965. He has been living in Tofield for the past four years working on a farm for Bill Sears and playing baseball for Tofield. Darren was born in 1966, in Grande Prairie. He is presently working for ATCO in Calgary as a computer operator. Kevin was also born in Grande Prairie in 1968. He works for the City of Calgary as a computer programmer. Our



Edward and Eunice (Sutton) Parent family. Kevin, Brenda, Kenneth, Darren, Eunice, Edward.

youngest, Brenda, was born in 1970, in Champion, Alberta. She is also working in Calgary for Sprague Drugs. They are all involved in sports. Once a year we all usually meet in Tofield for the Slow Pitch Tournament on the September long weekend where we enter a family team. Ed and all the kids play. Occassionally they even allow me to play if they are desperate!

So if you happen to be in Tofield that weekend come to the ball park and find out where Ken Parent's team is playing and introduce yourselves. I would love to see you again.

Randy Sutton Family

Randy and Sharon

Randy Sutton, the fifth child of Albert and Myrtle Sutton, was born on September 5, 1951. He was raised on the family farm located 2.5 miles from Anderson School and from an early age was involved in the farming activity. He learned to enjoy working with cattle and this interest has continued to the present.

In May, 1966, Randy was admitted to the Tofield Hospital for what ended up to be a long stay. He had developed heart problems and the prognosis was not very good. On October 6, 1966, Randy was transferred to the University of Alberta Hospital. He required heart surgery but the doctors had to build him up so that he would have a better chance of making it through the surgery. On March 29, 1967, he underwent open heart surgery. During the recuperation process, Randy experienced a great amount of pain, but it was all worthwhile when he was able to move around normally. He was discharged from the hospital at the end of April, 1967.

One of the highlights during his long hospital stay was when he obtained a three-day pass to go home at Christmas. While there, the Mennonite youth group came by and sang Christmas carols outside the window. Randy was able to lie in bed and watch and listen to the carollers.

During his teen years, Randy was able to take a trip to the mountains with his sister, Evelyn, and her family. Since then, a "Rocky Mountain getaway" has become an annual occurrence.

On September 7, 1974, Randy married Corinne Couzens. They had two children, Dawn Marie (September 26, 1976) and Kevin Albert (June 22, 1978). In April, 1981, Randy's father passed away so Randy and his family moved to the farm to live with his mother.

Randy and Corinne separated in August, 1987. One Saturday a couple of months later, Randy and

Kevin were driving to Camrose. Randy had a lot of things on his mind and drove through a stop sign. County Constable Richard Tomparowski noticed the failure to stop and pulled Randy over. Realizing something was really bothering Randy, Constable Tomparowski spent time talking with him. He gave Randy the choice of the tickets and subsequent loss of his licence or going to church the next day. Randy chose to go to church.

That evening he phoned a close friend to find out how to get into a church. That Sunday Randy began attending Tofield Alliance church and has become a member since that time. On June 10, 1990, Randy was baptized in Joseph Lake. He enjoys ushering, singing in the choir and is presently a deacon.

One of the things Randy enjoys is travelling. Each year since 1988, he has gone on a holiday with his children. On one of these trips, they went to Europe where they were able to visit with his niece, Diane, and her family. During their time overseas, they visited places in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Their favorite country was Austria where they spent most of their time. Church bells and cow bells form part of their unforgettable memories!

On June 29, 1991, Randy married Sharon McMann, daughter of George McMann of Tofield. The wedding took place in the Tofield Alliance Church and they spent their honeymoon in the mountains.

For a two-year period prior to summer, 1991, Randy had been having headaches that were increasing in severity and frequency. Pain killers were no longer effective but a CAT scan did not reveal anything. Another type of test was done and it showed that his skull was very thin and actually non-existent in some places. On August 1, Randy underwent brain surgery at which time doctors found that more of the skull was affected than they had originally thought. They removed the defective portions as well as a growth and inserted an acrylic plate.

In spite of the seriousness of the operation, Randy was out of intensive care and walking within 24 hours. He was released seven days after admission but was off work for six months while he tried to build up his strength. It was difficult for him to keep from overdoing things because the headaches were gone and with them the reminder to slow down.

1991 was the first year Randy rented the land from his mother and actively farmed so attending auctions and looking for reasonably-priced

equipment became a regular Saturday activity. The first year was difficult due to his health so several men from the church came and took the crop off for him.

On June 21, 1991, one day before his fourteenth birthday, Kevin was baptized in Miquelon Lake during the annual church campout. It was a very exciting day for him and his family.

Presently (1993) Randy works at Nisku for Hydril Canadian. This company cuts and threads pipe. Sharon is in her fourth year of university at the University of Alberta. She hopes to graduate with her Bachelor of Education (Elementary) this spring. Dawn lives with her mother and is taking her Grade 11 at Tofield School. She plans on training in some field of social work following high school. She is active in curling as well as volunteer work at the hospital. Kevin is in Grade 9 and lives on the farm with Randy and Sharon. His favorite sport is badminton in which he plans to be involved this spring.



Back Row: Randy and Sharon Sutton. Front Row: Dawn, Kevin.

Wanda (Sutton) Craigen

Wanda Craigen

I am the youngest child of Albert and Myrtle Sutton. I was born on October 6, 1952. I attended Tofield School for twelve years and graduated in 1970. After grade twelve I took a ten month course and became a Certified Nursing Aide, now called Licensed Practical Nurse.

On March 18, 1972, I married Tom Craigen and we currently reside in Lamont, Alberta. We have two children, Melanie, born July 26, 1973,

and Glen, born June 25, 1978. Melanie graduated from Lamont School in June of 1991 and now lives in Edmonton. Glen is attending grade eight in Lamont School.

I am working at Archer Memorial Hospital and have been there for eleven years.



Craigen family, 1987. Back Row: Tom, Melanie. Front Row: Glen, Wanda.

Goodman and Betsey Swenson

submitted by Edna Steen

In February, 1911, Goodman and Betsey Swenson arrived in Bardo with their children from Trent, South Dakota. They settled on a quarter of land (NW 24-49-19-4) adjacent to the Steen homestead. They became good neighbours and in summer we often went berry picking together. The Swenson children, Lloyd, Elmer, Bessie, and Nora attended the local school and as they walked to school they saw wildlife such as grouse, prairie chicken, rabbits and coyotes.

In 1914 the Swenson family returned to the States but before they left a farewell party was arranged by the neighbours. They left many friends behind. Among them Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rorem, Mr. and Mrs. W. Osness, whom they had known years before in Iowa. After they returned to Minnesota, a girl, named Grace, was born in 1917.

Nora Swenson married Roy Tinkham,

November 10, 1920, and lived at Fisher, Minnesota. Her family consisted of three sons, Earl, Arthur and Alton, one daughter, Berneice. Roy Tinkham passed away August 4, 1953.

In 1934, the Swenson family moved to Ellsworth, Iowa. Betsy Swenson passed away on March 23, 1966, and Goodman followed five months later on August 11, 1966. They had observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary and had lived a long and rewarding life.

Both Lloyd and Elmer served with distinction in World War II, Lloyd in the artillery and Elmer as a medic in the hospital. They arrived home safely at war's end.

Lloyd died at Ellsworth on August 7, 1991. Nora's two sons Arthur and Alton were in the armed services. Arthur in the engineers and Alton as a paratrooper in the Pacific theatre. Alton passed away on April 4, 1992.



Goodman Swenson family, 1961. Back Row: Lloyd, Bessie, Elmer, Grace. Front Row: Nora, Goodman and Betsy Swenson.



Tinkham family, 1952. Back Row: Earl, Bernice, Alton. Front Row: Art, Roy, Nora (Swenson).

Nora is now 90 years old, a great-great-grandmother and still resides at Fisher, Minnesota. She recalls those early days in Canada and the many friends she made while there. She is pleased to receive letters and any news from Bardo.

THOMSON FAMILY HISTORY

by Kathy McClellan

William Thomson was born in Banffshire, Scotland in 1862. As a young man he served in the Glasgow police force, and in 1886 was one of a number of policemen who volunteered for service in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong. He had completed nearly 5 years duty when he was invalided home after contracting malaria. When his health was restored, he sailed to Canada and spent some months working on CPR construction in southern Alberta. Here he met Jack Cookson whose tales of the wonderful farmland in the Beaver Lake area convinced the young Scot to file on his own homestead. So, on August 21, 1893, he "obtained entry," in the official phrase, to the N.E. ¼ Sec 24 Tp 50 Rge 19 W4.

He built his house on the southwest corner of his quarter section, half a mile or more in any direction to the roads which were constructed later. But he built beside a spring of water which supplied house and farmyard.

The homestead grew slowly; he spent some months on it each year but most of his time was in logging lumber camps and sawmills in B.C. As



William and Dolina Thomson, 1920's.

a skilled “setter ” he was in great demand and earned a good wage.

During this time he met and married Dolina McIver who was working for Mrs. Wells, the wife of the mill owner. Dolina was born in the Scottish Hebrides in 1865. As a young woman she worked as a maid in some of the wealthy homes of Glasgow but in 1894 she decided to venture on a new life in Canada. With her came Annie Kerr, who was a friend of long standing in Glasgow. (In 1903 Annie married Alex Kelner and lived on the farm later owned by the Pearson family.) Dolina worked at the Alberta Hotel in Edmonton and then for a time, for the wife of the Commander of the N.W.M.P. detachment.

The Thomsons took up residence on their Tofield land in the spring of 1900 and lived there until their deaths, William in 1941 and Dolina in 1946. Both were active in community affairs. William served on the first Presbyterian church board and was on the Ingram School Board for nearly twenty years. He was the first secretary of the Local Improvement District and a councillor in the municipality for many years as well. Dolina was active in church groups and in the Agricultural Society and Women’s Institute in Tofield.

The Thomsons’ six children were born in Tofield, five of them on the homestead. Their first child, a daughter, lived only a few days and is buried in the Bardo Cemetery. The others lived most or all of their lives in the Tofield district. There was one son, John, and daughters Mary (Earl) Moore; Dolina (Carl) Blake; Elsie; Mabel (Russell) Ferguson.



William and Dolina Thomson and children – John, Mary and Dolina. Completion of the new home. Note the rain barrel at the corner, a standard feature for collection of rain water for washing clothes and watering plants. Likely 1907.

John lived for 70 years on the farm his father had homesteaded. He was born in 1901 and was one of the first pupils when Ingram School opened its doors in 1911. However, after one year the school had to be closed, and John and his sisters attended Tofield school, boarding in town the first winter and after that driving with horse and buggy.

In 1933 he married Dorothy Baptist of the Tofield district. She was a graduate of Camrose Normal School and taught Ingram School for four years from 1928 to 1932. John was secretary treasurer of Ingram School from 1933 to 1938. For nearly twenty years, beginning in 1952, he was secretary treasurer of the Bardo-Grand Forks Mutual Telephone Company. Both John and Dorothy were faithful and active members of Holy Trinity Anglican Church and Dorothy was also active in Women of Unifarm.

They had a family of three, Kathleen, David and Donald. All three were born on the farm as their father had been. In 1971 John’s ill health necessitated a move to an easier life and a home was purchased in Tofield. Dorothy died in 1975 and John in 1977 and the Thomson farm was sold to David Schmidt.



John and Dorothy Thomson, 1958.

Joseph Voegtlin Sr. Family by Ruth Yoder

Joseph Voegtlin was born in 1888 near Mulhausen, France. His mother died when he was very young. In 1893, when he was five years old, he and his father and sister came to America and

settled on a farm near Wayland, Iowa. Although he lived there during his childhood and young adult life he never appreciated the oppressive summer heat and looked forward to living in a cooler climate. This was possible when he met and married Fannie Stauffer.

Fannie Stauffer, daughter of Joseph and Mattie (Bender) Stauffer was born in 1888 near Milford, Nebraska. In 1913 she came with her parents to a farm south of Tofield where Warren and Terry Stauffer now live. It was here that the reception was held when Joseph and Fannie were married on March 24, 1915. During the following summer they built their home on the south bank of Amisk Creek on Section 33 in the Solberg school district. This was later transferred to the Anderson (Bardo) school district. Joseph was pleased with this transfer as it enabled his children to obtain a high school education while living at home. This was a rare privilege at that time.

There were four children in the family, Mary, Paul, Ruth and Joseph J. In 1938, Mary married Fred Martin and moved to Duchess, Alberta, where Fred operated a garage and had John Deere agency. Later he became a territorial manager for John Deere and they moved to Lacombe, to Edmonton and various other places. They are now retired and live on an acreage in Summerland, BC. They had seven children, Evangeline (deceased

1983), James (stillborn), Fred V., Glen, Carol, Luella and Larry.

Paul farmed for a number of years and then went back to school and became a teacher. He taught in the Ryley High School from 1960-1972 when he resigned and moved to Edson, Alberta to take over a pastorate there. He was ordained as a minister in 1944 and is still active in this service. In 1943 he married Freda Maurer. They have three children, David, Gwen and Douglas.

Ruth taught school for several years before marrying Donald Yoder and moving to a farm in the Amisk Creek district. They have five children, Evelyn, Elaine, Dolores, Donna and Keith. Donald died June 12, 1993.

Joseph married Florence Stauffer and settled on the home farm. After a number of years he, too, went back to school and became a teacher. He taught in Ryley school from 1969-1988, and in Tofield for the 1988-89 year. He is now semi-retired and still living on the home farm. They have five children, Lois, Thelma, Harold (deceased as an infant) Wayne and Lyle.

JOSEPH & FLORENCE VOEGTLIN AND FAMILY

By Joseph J. Voegtlin

Florence and I were married on June 23, 1949. The day of our wedding dawned bright and beautiful but later in the evening we had some wind and a few sprinkles of rain. We didn't mind the rain because the weather had been very dry. The first day of our honeymoon was spent driving to Jasper through the rain and that night we listened to the rain on our cabin roof. The next morning the owner of the cabins exclaimed, "Wasn't that a ghastly rain?" I disagreed since we had visions of a good, much needed rain at home. Later, we discovered that the rain had not extended east of Edmonton. Consequently our first year of married life was not a very bountiful one – the wheat made four bushels to the acre.

Subsequent years proved to be better and we continue to live on the farm on which I was born in 1927. The farm is now operated by our youngest son, Lyle, whose specialty is grazing management so raising cattle receives major emphasis.

Our children were all born in the decade of the fifties. Lois, was born March 3, 1951. She introduced me to the intricacies of parenting – Florence was naturally gifted in caring for children. Lois attended Anderson (Bardo) School for two years before it was closed. She took the remainder of her public schooling at Ryley graduating as



Joseph Voegtlin Sr. family. Standing: Joseph Jr., Mary, Paul. Sitting: Joseph Sr., Ruth, Fannie.

valedictorian in 1969. After graduating from Eastern Mennonite College she worked one year for the Alberta Government. She soon decided office work was not for her and attended the University of Alberta for a year. Since that time she has been employed by the Edmonton Public School Board. Currently, she has a Masters Degree in Library Science and is the librarian at Parkview Elementary-Junior High School. She is married to Wilfred Barranoik and stepmother to Curtis, Sheldon, and Trisha. Wilfred is the Chief Executive Officer of Northtown Paint and Wall-coverings Inc. They live in Sherwood Park.

Thelma, our second child, was born September 24, 1953. She also attended Ryley School for all of her public schooling. Her initiation to education was painful since she got her finger tip crushed in the outside doors shortly after beginning grade one. Although she still carries the mark of this accident it did not hamper her school career. She graduated from high school in 1970 and from Eastern Mennonite College in 1973. She has since taught school in Hinton and Edmonton. At present she is teaching grade five at Crawford Plains Elementary School. Thelma has no use for teachers or professors who assign busy work. She loves music and directs the family in their Sunday afternoon bell ringing sessions. Recently she has taken some graduate work at the University of Alberta.

Wayne, our oldest son, was born on February 29, 1956. His mother was disappointed with the date since he would only have a birthday every four years. After graduating from Ryley School in 1974, Wayne went to work for Siecon Construction building farm and industrial buildings. He spent the next ten years in construction except for one year when he did attend the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Agriculture, just, as he said, "To please dad." After his marriage to Deidrie Richardson on May 12, 1984, they established their own contracting firm, WDV Enterprises, and now is farming with Lyle and specializing in Red Angus purebred cattle. Deidrie is an accountant and is the Director of Accounting Services for the Augustana University College in Camrose. They have three children: Natane, age 6, Dane, age 4, and Ethan, born in February of 1993. Presently they are living south of Lindbrook.

Harold was born on May 31, 1957, and died June 13, 1957. He was a beautiful, healthy child but we were not to see him grow up. He died suddenly when his lungs collapsed. His death

helped me have a new appreciation for our children.

Lyle was born on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, September 7, 1958. He was a determined child and pushed himself to the limit to keep up with his older siblings. After graduating from Ryley in 1976, he attended the University of Alberta and received his degree in Agriculture. He worked for the Alberta Government for twenty months developing grazing reserves in the Peace River area. In the spring of 1982 he returned home to farm. He enjoys working with cattle and horses and has a great amount of patience with them. Any machine that breaks down, however, is called, "A piece of junk!" Then he proceeds to repair it. One of the fringe benefits of Wayne and Lyle's bachelor days is they are both excellent cooks.

In 1965 I returned to school at the University of Alberta and graduated in 1969 with a degree in education. I began teaching in Ryley that fall and taught there continuously for 19 years. Due to declining enrollment I was transferred to Tofield and taught there for one year before taking early retirement. Currently I am enjoying retirement with only a little teaching at Augustana's Continuing Education Department to keep life interesting. One of the greatest rewards of my teaching career has been working with many fine colleagues.

The past five years Florence has been employed baby sitting our two grandchildren. She has enjoyed watching them grow and develop. Prior to this she had served as a volunteer in the Tofield Public Library. The skills acquired there helped her serve as a substitute library clerk in the



Joseph and Florence Voegtlin family. Back Row: Joseph, Wayne, Lyle. Middle Row: Florence, Dane Voegtlin, Diedrie Richardson-Voegtlin, Thelma. Front Row: Lois Barranoik, Natane Voegtlin, Wilfred Barranoik, (Grandma) Myrtle Saltzman.

Ryley School Library several times and recently, in the Tofield School Library. She has taught Sunday School and Summer Bible School almost all of her adult life and loves to work with little children. She is creative and very resourceful.

The church has always been a large part of our lives. It figures prominently in our earliest memories and still takes a significant amount of our time. We all believe that personal faith in Christ must be lived out in the context of group and remain active in the work of the church. School and church have taken most of our energy.

We have been blessed with a satisfying faith, good health, a happy family, a gracious community, and a free country.

John and Anna Wall

by John Wall

John and Anna (Enns) Wall were born in the Southern Ukraine in 1914 to Dutch-German families. When the Revolution in Russia disrupted their religious lifestyle, they immigrated to Canada, Anna in 1925 and John in 1930. Both John and Anna were raised on irrigation farms near Coaldale in southern Alberta.

John was able to purchase one quarter of land in 1940. In April, 1941, John and Anna were married and farmed in the Readymade area, seven miles southeast of Coaldale. They raised sugar beets in rotation with grain and hay and also had a small dairy and some hogs. The dairy cows were sold in the early fifties and beef cows replaced them.

By the mid-fifties, some of John and Anna's friends had moved to the Tofield area. However, it took them until the summer of 1959 to find just the right place when they purchased two quarters from the Albert Haukedals who were semi-retiring.

John and Anna with their son, Johnny (age 12), moved to their new farm, five miles south of Tofield, in the spring of 1960. The fall of 1959 had been very wet and the harvest had not been completed. However, spring came early and John helped Albert take off his crop so that spring seeding could commence on time and it did.

The Wall's brought along their beef herd of thirty cows when they moved north but had to find some pasture for them as there was no pasture on the land they purchased. They were able to rent one quarter from Roe Phillips, one mile south and six miles west of their farm. In 1962, two more quarters adjoining the Haukedal farm, were purchased from the Fitzner family who had bought the farm from Charlie Whillans in 1961.

John and Anna enjoyed farming and were blessed with many excellent crops. They slowly phased out of the cattle business and continued to grain farm until 1982.

In 1948, chosen son Johnny was born and moved to Tofield with his parents where he attended Tofield School. He was involved in school sports and also played baseball with the Bardo Athletics for a few years. Johnny went to Briercrest Bible College for one year after graduating from high school and continued his education at the University of Alberta where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, graduating in 1971. John married Leona Thiessen in 1970. After John had graduated from university, he and Leona moved to the Charlie Whillans farm where they started dairying, and helped John's father with his grain farm. They have two children, Daryn and Stacey.

David, born in 1959, joined the family in 1963. He also attended Tofield School. After high school, David found employment with C.I.L. Plastics in Edmonton. He married Cheryl Mandrusiak in 1986. Dave and Cheryl and their three children live on an acreage in the Spilstead area.

John and Anna attended the Tofield Mennonite Brethren Church (later renamed the Tofield Gospel Church), where they were active members.

While swathing what he thought would be his best canola crop ever, John suffered a stroke. He passed away three months later on November 30, 1982.



Anna, John, John W. and David Wall.

Anna, having suffered with rheumatoid arthritis most of her adult life, was confined to a wheelchair in 1975. She moved to the Shepherd's Care Nursing Home in Millwoods, Edmonton in spring of 1983. She received good care here but two years later, due to failing health and a bout with pneumonia, she passed away on July 10.

John and Leona Wall

by John Wall

John, born in 1948, and Leona (Thiessen), born in 1951, were married in Tofield in 1970. Leona worked at Blue Cross in Edmonton, putting John through his last year of University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

They moved to the Charlie Whillans farm in the spring of 1971 and began dairying. In 1974, they purchased the Whillans home quarter and expanded the dairy. The same year, John began working with Alberta Dairy Herd Improvement Services as a supervisor-technician. This became a very hectic workload, with Leona taking a larger responsibility in running the dairy. The dairy did well, winning several herd production awards in

the Vermilion area. However, with the increased demand for time with a growing family and John's Dad needing more help on the grain farm, John and Leona decided to sell the dairy. The cows were sold in the fall of 1980 and the farm in 1981. They moved into the town of Tofield for two years. In 1983, they moved to John's parents' grain farm where they diversified into a purebred Simmental operation. John continued working with the dairy herds in the area of Dairy Herd Improvement. In 1988, Alberta D.H.I. took over the Federal R.O.F. program and John's workload became more demanding as much more official testing had to be done. This, along with spiralling operating costs, caused some difficulty in being able to operate the farm so John and Leona decided to sell the farm in the spring of 1990. They now reside in the town of Tofield. John is still employed with D.H.I. and Leona is working in Long Term Care at the Tofield Health Centre.

The Wall's are active members of the Tofield Gospel Church.

John and Leona have two children, Daryn born in 1972, and Stacey, born in 1974. Both children were very active in sports, especially basketball, church activities and music lessons. Daryn graduated from Tofield High School in 1990, attended Briercrest Bible College for two years and is now enrolled in the University of Alberta. Stacey graduated from Tofield High School in 1992 and is attending Briercrest Bible College.



John, Leona, Stacey and Daryn Wall.

Weber, Abram B.

submitted by Norman Weber

Abe, as he was called, came west from Kitchener, Ontario area with his parents and younger brother. They settled in the area of Youngstown, Alberta. After a few years of very poor crops, Abe came to the Tofield area. Here he met and married Mary Burkholder and settled on a farm in the area. They attended the Salem Mennonite Church and were active members there.

Around 1927 they moved onto the farm owned by Mary's father, Moses Burkholder, NE 1/4-29-49-18-W4. They lived there until the fall of 1929 when they moved to a farm, SW-28-49-19-W4 in the Kingman district. This farm was later owned by Ross Flemming.

Abe and Mary had seven children: Dorothy, Mrs. John Martin of Duchess, Alberta; Fern, Mrs. Clarence Toman of Guernsey, Saskatchewan;

Norman married Clista Stalter, reside in Tofield, Alberta;
Edna, Mrs. Norman Torkelson of Duchess, Alberta;
Lloyd married Ellen Shantz of Grande Prairie, Alberta;

Wilma, Mrs. Jake Friesen of Duchess, Alberta;
Florence, Mrs. Sidney Martin of Abilene, Texas, U.S.A.

Dorothy and Fern attended the Anderson School and Norman was introduced to school life, which took place during one week in the spring before they moved to Kingman.

Abe and Mary retired in 1959 and bought a house in Duchess where they lived until they passed away. Abe died in 1969 and Mary in 1972.

At present in 1993 all seven children are living.

Norman and Clista Weber

by Norman Weber

Clista is the third youngest daughter of Simon and Emma Stalter. She was born May 2, 1921, in the square house which was on the farm at that time. Today the house is owned by the David Francis family.

I, Norman, was born on May 9, 1922, in the Tofield area. However, my schooling for the most part was taken at the Farmington School, and later in Tofield. Clista went to school at Grand Forks, four miles south of the Anderson (Bardo) School.

Clista and I were married November 8, 1944. In the spring of 1945 we moved onto the Simon Stalter farm, which had been previously farmed by Harold Boettger. We have a family of four children: Carol, born December 22, 1946, married Russel Hofferd and lives in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. They have two daughters, Candice and Andrea. Marvin, born September 15, 1950, married Margaret Hickman, and presently lives on the farm. They have one daughter, Jaclyn, three sons, Chad, Tyler and Layne. Arnold, born July 25, 1953, married Alvira Dueck, and lives at Smith, Alberta, where he is a pastor of a church. They have one daughter, Amy, three sons, Collin, Greg and Barry. Linford, born February 22, 1959, married Ronda Yoder and lives in Greenwood, Delaware, U.S.A. They have two sons, Jared and Robert.

We operated a mixed farm, but some years later, finding out I was allergic to hogs, we sold them off and began to build up our dairy herd. In 1968 we built a new dairy barn for thirty cows. By 1975 we built onto the barn and expanded the herd to fifty.

We started out milking by hand, separating the milk and selling cream. A few years later we invested in a milking machine and started shipping milk. With the new barn we put in a pipeline milking system and a bulk milk tank. The milk was picked up by Northern Alberta Dairy Pool (N.A.D.P.) from Camrose. A few years later we entered the fluid milk market. I have always enjoyed working with dairy cattle.

In 1952 we bought the home quarter, NE-18-49-18-W4, and the N½ of NW-17-49-18-W4 from Clista's father. Later on we purchased the half section known as the Orville Currie place. Since the eighty acres were never cleared or broken, as well as another twentyfive acres on the home quarter, we had a fair bit of bush to cut and breaking to do. It was a lot of hard work.

I was involved as a board member for some years on the Bardo-Grand Forks Mutual Telephone Co. A high-light for our area was when Calgary Power brought electricity to the farms in 1954. Again in 1972 when natural gas also came into the area. No more coal hauling from the coal mine at Dodds, and no more ashes and clinkers to take out of the furnace.

We farmed here for thirty-six years. They were sometimes long and hard, but happy ones. Our



Norman and Clista Weber.

family attended the Salem Mennonite Church, which is three miles from the farm. We are members there.

For a number of years I had a yearning to work in a hospital setting, and as Marvin and Arnold were taking over the farm, and there was an opportunity to work in Bethany Auxiliary Hospital in Camrose as an orderly, I applied and was accepted for work there. So on May 1, 1981, we moved to Camrose. However, time keeps moving on and after a while retirement age enters one's life. On January 1, 1987, I retired from the hospital. We always planned that when we retired, Tofield would be the place where we would live, so for the past five and one-half years, this has been our home.

At times I still go out to the farm and drive the tractor or help in other ways. Since Marvin also operates the Tofield Funeral Home, I am involved in helping conduct funerals.

When a person thinks back over the years and sees all the changes that have taken place, it makes a person realize we have been part of history.

Marvin and Marg Weber

by Marvin Weber

Marvin Weber was born to Norman and Clista Weber at Tofield on September 15, 1950. On November 30, 1974, he married Margaret Hickman of the Camrose - Bittern Lake area. Marg was born at Camrose on February 20, 1951. They have four children: Chad, born May 17, 1978; Jaclyn, born December 18, 1980; Tyler, born October 11, 1982; Layne, born May 9, 1985. All the children were born in Camrose.

Marvin's grandparents were Abe and Mary Weber and Simon and Emma Stalter. He now is the third generation to farm the Simon Stalter farm. He attended school at Grand Forks, Anderson (Bardo), Tofield and grade 12 at Western Mennonite School at Salem, Oregon. He also completed two years of university at Camrose Lutheran College where he met Marg.

In 1971 Marvin apprenticed in the funeral-home profession in both Edmonton and Camrose and was licenced in 1973. He worked at the Hoveland Funeral Home in Camrose and Marg taught school at the Chester Ronning School. In 1981 they moved to the farm and built the Tofield Funeral Home in Tofield. Marvin farmed with his brother Arnold until Arnold followed his call to the ministry in 1987. Chad, Jackie, Tyler and Layne now attend the Cornerstone Christian School in Camrose.



Marvin and Margaret Weber family. Back Row: Chad, Marvin. Front Row: Margaret, Layne, Tyler, Jaclyn.

Whealers

All we have been able to find out about the Wheeler family is that they owned the NE1/4-14-50-19-W4 which was land homesteaded by Mr. P.F. Ingram (No. 85302). After Mr. Wheeler died, Mrs. Wheeler went back to the U.S.A. with her family.

The Whillans Family

by Roy and Dorothy Whillans

The Whillans family originally came from Roxburgshire in Scotland. William Whillans was born in Southdean Parish in 1779. He traced, documented and recorded the Whillans family tree, beginning with his grandfather, James Whillans, who was born in the Parish of Jedburgh, Scotland in 1688 and died in 1783.

William Whillans and his family immigrated to Canada and settled near London, Ontario, in 1837. His brother, Robert, settled at the same time at Hurdman's Bridge near Ottawa. Robert's eldest son became Reverend Robert Whillans M.A., a competent Greek scholar and the grandfather of

Roy Robert Whillans of Tofield, Alberta. Also, the youngest son became the Reverend George Whillans, D.D., a minister and Minister Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church in Quebec. George's brother, John Whillans, lived in Calgary, Alberta. He celebrated his one hundredth birthday by walking to church.

Reverend Robert Whillans of Ottawa later moved to Tofield, Alberta. He had ten children: Willie, Wardy, Allan, Harry (who became a doctor), Charlie, Carrie (a nurse), Mary, Winnifred (married George Cookson), Lina and Bert.

Willie and Wardy were both in World War I. After their return home, Willie operated the Tofield Standard which later became the Tofield Mercury. It has recently been learned that there was a Doctor Whillans in Leduc who also owned the drug store there.

Charlie Whillans was the first of the family to come from Ottawa to Alberta, as a lad of seventeen. He worked on a farm north of Tofield

until he had earned enough money to make a down payment on a homestead, south and east of the present Bardo elevator. He started his farming operations with a team of oxen named Tom and Jerry, of which he was very proud. One ox, being smaller than the other, had less endurance and thus preferred to quit early in the day. When the oxen died, their horns were mounted and now hang in the Tofield Museum.

Charlie married Clara Shepherd in 1907. Her parents had come from Barrie, Ontario, to farm in the Round Hill area just south of the Grand Forks school about a mile and a half. Seven children were born to this union: Gordon, Roy, Ralph, Lloyd, Marguerite, Neil and Joyce. By 1918 the little log house was getting a bit over crowded and a new eight-roomed house was built which still stands today.

On Sunday you would find the family in church, first at Bardo Methodist services and then at Ketchamoot United Church held in the school



Family of Reverend Robert Whillans, 1894. Back Row: Robert, Mary, Reverend R. Whillans, Caroline. Middle Row: Winnifred, Harry, Mrs. Whillans, Charlie, William. Front Row: Allan, (Thomas Wardrope), Lena.

houses. In later years some joined the Tofield United Church.

The family loved to go on picnics and would make berry picking days into a fun time by loading up the buggy behind a nice team of horses, with pails and enough lunch to do for the day. Saskatoons and wild raspberries grew in abundance in those days and with hungry children to feed, many preserves were canned or made into jams and jelly for winter use, by Clara Whillans.

Charlie bought his first Dodge car in 1937. This was a real joy to the family as the children were off to high school in Tofield. There were no school buses in those days!

Charlie and Clara remained on the farm until 1960. By that time the family had gone in different directions making their own homes. So Charlie and Clara moved into Tofield. Charlie took ill and passed away on July 29, 1961, at seventy-six years of age.

Clara remained living in Tofield for a few years, then moved to the Hardisty Nursing Home in Edmonton, where she resided until her passing on March 14, 1966.



Log cabin where Reverend R.N. Whillans' family first lived (NW 24-50-19-W4), two miles south of Tofield, located in the N.E. corner, east of George Cookson farm. The cabin was destroyed by fire about 1918-1920.

Gordon Whillans

by Dorothy Whillans

Gordon married Rose Guinet from Grimshaw while serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. They had four children, Doreen of Calgary, Donald, Dennis and Karen. They all live with their families in Vancouver, B.C.

After the war was over, Gordon went to work for the C.N.R. – Tofield to Deville. They made their home at Tofield while the children were in school. Both have since passed away.



Joyce, Rose and Gordon Whillans.

Roy and Dorothy Whillans

by Dorothy Whillans

Roy turned out to be the family farmer. He loved to play hockey and baseball, went to Anderson (Bardo) School, rode bike or horseback, or walked when the need arose.

In 1938 Roy married Dorothy Oveldson of the Kingman district and in 1940, they moved to the Rickner farm which they bought in 1946. Here is where they still make their home.

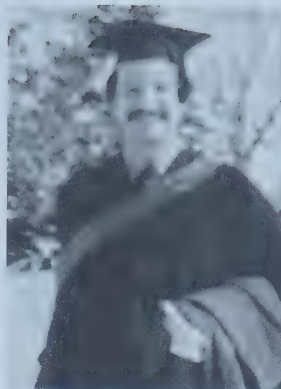
Roy and Dorothy have four sons: Jerald married Grace Kittlitz from New Serepta. They have three children and one grandson. Marlin, (son), daughter, Marleen married Jeff Steeves of Moncton, New Brunswick. They have Dillon and Michell who likes dogs and horses. Jerald and Grace live on the farm.

Vernon spent thirty years with the Canadian Armed Forces traveling all over the world with the R.C.A.F. In 1990 he retired from Kingston, Ontario, his last posting and moved back to Edmonton, Alberta, with his daughter, Tracey. His son, Todd lives in Kingston, Ontario, and is a sergeant with the naval reserves. In the summer months he is in Victoria, B.C., teaching scuba diving.

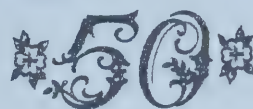
LeRoy went to elementary and high school at Tofield. He then went on to Edmonton after graduation to work for a time before going to the University of Alberta to obtain his Bachelor of Education degree. He then went to work for Nova Oil Company where he presently works. He married Sharon Litwin who has her Masters Degree in Education and teaches in Edmonton, Alberta. They have three children: Mackenzie, Erin Lee and Johnathon.

Barry went to Tofield school also. After graduation he went to work for C.I.L. in Edmonton and later went to the University of Alberta where he received his Bachelor of Education degree. Teachers were plentiful at the time so he went back working for the oil companies. Barry married Diana Chornohus, a nurse. They live in Victoria, B.C., where she works at the hospital and Barry is with Westcan Gas Company. The boys still love to come home and spend time on the farm.

Roy died September 3, 1993. He is buried in the Kingman Cemetery.



Barry Whillans received Bachelor of Education Degree at University of Alberta.



*In honour of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whillans
their family
requests the pleasure of your company
to an Open House Reception
on Sunday, October thirtieth
nineteen hundred and eighty-eight
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Kingman Community Hall
Kingman, Alberta*

Buffet 5:00 p.m.

Invitation to the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration of
Roy and Dorothy Whillans.

Ralph Whillans by Dorothy Whillans

Ralph, better known as Hap, went to school at Anderson (Bardo) School. He liked sports and played baseball. Ralph left home at an early age to work at Busby and Picardville for big farmers, the McMillan Brothers. He later bought his own farm in that area and also became a driller for oil companies. Ralph passed away at age 48 with cancer.



Jerald and Grace Whillans – Christmas, 1984.



LeRoy D. Whillans received Bachelor of Education Degree at University of Alberta, with wife, Sharon.

Lloyd Whillans

by Dorothy Whillans

Lloyd was the fourth son of Charlie and Clara Whillans. He took his schooling at Anderson (Bardo) School. They all talk about Loolah Lerbekmo as teacher and friend. Lloyd, also worked for the McMillan Brothers at Picardville and Busby for many years. He later moved to Edmonton and worked as a dispatcher for the Namao Air Base. Lloyd has four children: Gloria, Arlene, Maureen and an adopted son, George.

Gloria married Donald Redford. They have two children: Heather and Timothy. Arlene has two children: Brenda and Bonnie. Maureen also has two children: Susan and Greg.

Lloyd and his wife, Gertie, spend six months of the year in Yuma, Arizona.



Lloyd and Gertie Whillans.

Frank and Marguerite (Whillans) Thomas by Marguerite Thomas

Marguerite Whillans married Sergeant Frank Thomas who was in the Royal Canadian Airforce. Frank retired in 1966 after twenty-five years in the service.

Three children were born to Frank and Marguerite: Ronald, Terrance and Donna. Ronald married Donna Underschultz. They have two children: Michael and Scott. Terrance married Norma Reddon and they have three children: Jacqueline, Yvonne and Jason. Donna married Jeff Burgess. They have two children: Jenny and Dustin.

Frank passed away in 1988. Marguerite is living in Edmonton.



Mrs. Whillans and daughter Marguerite.

Neil Whillans

by Neil Whillans

Neil was born March 12, 1920, to parents, Charlie and Clara Whillans, at Tofield, Alberta. He attended Anderson (Bardo) School and Tofield High School. After school, Neil worked in Edmonton from 1941 to 1943. He joined the R.C.A.F. with the Rank L.A.C. He was stationed at Toronto Manning Depot - January, 1943; St Thomas Trade School - March, 1943; and at Calgary Equipment Depot - August, 1943 to February, 1946. He was discharged in February, 1946.

Neil then worked for the Swifts Canadian Company Limited in Calgary, Alberta, Neepawa and Winnipeg, Manitoba from March 1946 to April 1985, when he retired.

Neil married Dorothy Glenfield on June 7, 1947. They have four children: Sandra, Kathryn, Richard and John. Sandra married Tom Elrick. They have two children: Christopher and Catherine. They live in Vancouver, British Columbia. Kathryn married Greg Dugag and they have two children: Michael and Elizabeth. They live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Richard is single and lives in Toronto, Ontario. John married Frances Doherty and they also have two children: David and Andrea.



Neil and Dorothy Whillans. Sandra, Kathryn, Ritchard, John.

Lewis and Joyce (Whillans) Foss

by Joyce Foss

Joyce Whillans married Lewis Foss in 1947. Lewis enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in August, 1941. He spent three years overseas as radar technician. He remustered to aircrew and was in Winnipeg in 1944 where he graduated as air navigator with the rank of sergeant. He was discharged in 1945.

Lewis and Joyce had three children: Linda, b. 1950, Don, b. 1954 and Marilyn, b. 1959. Linda married Ken Munro in 1977. She works as an R.N. at the Eagle Ridge Hospital in Vancouver, B.C. They have two children: Sarah, b. 1981 and Jace, b. 1984. Don married Marget Keeney in 1979.



Lewis and Joyce (Whillans) Foss.

He works for Beckman Medical Company in Minneapolis as field engineer. They have two children: Bridget, b. 1979 and Bailey, b. in 1984. Marilyn works for Unisys as typesetter in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Joyce (Whillans) Foss.

John and Edna (Yoder) Wideman

submitted by Edna Wideman

John and Edna were married July 2, 1936. They moved to their home which they had purchased from Ezra Stauffer, one mile east of the present Bardo Community Centre, in the fall of 1945 with their three small children, Dolores, Joseph, and Lucille. The children received most of their education at the Anderson (Bardo) School, finishing a few grades at Tofield.

After graduation, Dolores found employment at the Bank of Montreal and continued in that type of work for a number of years. She lost her husband, Marvin Lehman, in a farm accident in 1978. Previous to that, in 1973, they had the sad experience of losing an eleven year old daughter, Rita Marie, in a similar way. In 1982 Dolores was remarried to Jake Eckert and they now reside in Brooks, Alberta. Her daughter, Rose, also moved to Brooks with her two children. Dolores also had two sons. Kevin and Kelly Lehman live in Tofield with their family of four. Wesley and Sandy Lehman are living in Edson and have one daughter.

Joseph chose to be a farmer, so when he married Glenna Wiens from Dalmeny, Saskatchewan, in 1971, they bought the home place and John and Edna built a house in Tofield. Joseph and Glenna have three children, Charmaine, Shauna and Royden.

Lucille attended Prairie Bible Institute for three years and then went into nurse's training. In 1969 she was married to Dr. Dennis Boettger, who is

at present practicing at McLennan, Alberta. However, meanwhile, they served in the medical field in Ethiopia at two intervals of two years each term and have also travelled to the doors of China, carrying in Bibles. They have three sons: Jeffrey, Steven and Glenn. Jeffrey graduated from Camrose Lutheran College in 1990.

The Wideman farmyard has made a number of changes in the last twenty years. It now is the site of a larger dairy herd, with a new barn and three silos. The old barn had served its purpose well for milking cows by hand and also for Leghorn chickens when hatching eggs were sold. The children learned to gather eggs and feed the baby chicks and ducklings. Later the chicken business was discontinued and the whole barn changed to accommodate more dairy cows. More modern methods including a milking machine were installed. The children learned to be a part of it all, which taught them thriftiness.

The family attended the Salem Mennonite Church worship services where John served as a deacon for thirty years. Edna had taught school before marriage, then about seventeen years later, returned to the school-room for another nine years at Anderson (Bardo), Tofield and Ryley, plus occasional substituting for a few years. Now they are enjoying full retirement in a small home in Tofield.



John and Edna Wideman, Dolores, Joseph, Lucile.

Joe and Glenna Wideman

by Glenna Wideman

Joe has resided in the Bardo area all his life. In the winter of 1964 he attended Kitchener Bible School, but returned to stay on the family farm. I, Glenna, was born and raised on a dairy farm in Saskatchewan. After graduation from nurse's training at Saskatoon City Hospital, I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Alberta. It was during this time that I roomed with Lucille Wideman for one year.

After our marriage in the fall of 1971, we moved onto the family farm. With the purchase of a purebred herd of Holstein cattle, we chose the farm name of Bardovue. The reason for this was that Joe has obtained his formal education at the Anderson school (Bardo) and the school building silhouetted when we watched the setting sun.

For a short time after our marriage I continued to commute to Edmonton, working as a nurse instructor at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. With the arrival of our three children, I chose to remain at home, working on the farm. I found that being



Joseph and Glenna Wideman family. Standing: Joseph, Glenna, Shauna. Front: Charmaine, Royden.

a farmer's wife is a lot different than being a farmer's daughter.

Charmaine and Shauna are both graduates of Western Mennonite School in Salem, Oregon. Charmaine at present is a freshman at Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta. Royden has attended Cornerstone Christian School in Camrose for the last three years. As Royden has grown up, the farm has been home to a number of projects. First, he raised and showed rabbits. Now he is raising broiler chickens to provide himself with spending money.

A highlight for our family was a trip to Expo 86 together with Joe's folks, John and Edna Wideman. At that time a three-day pass proved too short for John as he stated later he could have spent another three days there. We had rented a large van and spent the time at the coast with Esther (John's sister) and Salgaard Hansen.

In February, 1989 I returned to the work force and am currently employed by the Vegreville Health Unit.

Glenna Wideman died December 3, 1993.

Floyd and Lavanda (Yoder) Wideman

submitted by Lavanda Wideman

I, Lavanda (Yoder) Wideman am the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Yoder who lived about two and one-half miles east of Anderson (Bardo) School. I attended the Anderson school for all of my education and had the normal life of a farm girl. After I quit school I spent the rest of my growing up years and youth on the farm with my parents and two sisters, Edna and Edith. On June 20, 1940, I married Floyd Wideman. We rented land and farmed in different areas until 1950 when we bought land from George Hendrickson which was one half mile east of Anderson school.

We had three children: Myrna (Mrs Wilmer Huebert), Gilbert, and Lawrence. Myrna and Wilmer had two sons, Wally and Randy. They are both married and live in Lloydminster, Alberta, where Wally is an EMT and drives ambulance, and Randy is a bakery manager in the new Super Store. Myrna and Wilmer live three-quarters of a mile north of Tofield. She is a busy wife and grandmother of five grandchildren.

Gilbert, our oldest son, has his own business in Edmonton called, "Commercial Trenching." He lives on an acreage south-east of Sherwood Park with his wife, Connie, and their three children, Angela, Carla and David. They are in grades nine, eleven and university.

Our youngest son, Lawrence, lives on an acreage in the Lindbrook area with his wife, Rita, and son Devin. Lawrence is a mechanic and works in Edmonton.

We had busy, happy years on the farm until Floyd's sudden death in September, 1962. I now enjoy my retirement in Tofield where I can enjoy my hobbies at leisure.



Floyd and Lavanda Wideman family. Top Insert: Floyd. Back: Lawrence. Sitting: Lavanda, Rita, Connie and Gilbert, Wally Huebert, Randy Huebert, Wilmer Huebert. Floor: David, Carla, and Angela Wideman, Myrna Huebert.

Menno and Barbara (Stalter) Wideman

by Barbara (Stalter) Wideman

I, Barbara, was born December 7, 1907, in Illinois, U.S.A., and arrived in Alberta at the tender age of three with my parents, Simon and Emma Stalter. I am the oldest of nine children. I attended the Grand Forks school and the Salem Mennonite Church.

My parents moved back to Illinois in 1923 when I was 15 years old. After four years they gave me a trip to Alberta where I met my future husband, Menno Wideman, (b. 1897 – d. 1974). Paper and pen came in handy after I returned home. A year later Menno came to Illinois and we were married December 14, 1927. A decorated corner of the living-room became the ceremony site. No church weddings in those days. The roads were so muddy that the young people came in wagons to the reception. Then a long train ride to Tofield. The young people there greeted us with rice! We stayed with Will and Lydia Boettger, Menno's sister, awhile, till we moved to my parent's farm. When the family came back from Illinois

in 1932 we bought Henry Haker's farm east of Tofield for our home.

Menno and I farmed twenty-nine years after which we lived on an acreage for almost ten years. I liked doing the garden and lawn. Menno often leaned on the fence to watch his steers feed. He was a carpenter's helper when the Salem Mennonite Church was built in 1954. At this time he served on the Building Committee and was a trustee.

Menno's health was failing so we sold and made our home in Tofield where he lived for five months. Menno passed away at Rosehaven, Camrose, and is buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery.

I was alone almost twenty years. During this

time I did quilting for the Mennonite Central Committee and the Women's Missionary Sewing Circle as well as for others until I decided to sell and move into the Tofield Senior's Lodge where I enjoy living. I am thankful that God's Word was taught to me.

Our children were: Velda, Marvin and Merlin. Marvin died in infancy and is buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery. Velda and Merlin attended Ingram and Anderson (Bardo) schools. Velda married a farmer, Nathan Stutzman, of Kingman. They now live in Camrose. Nathan and Velda enjoy having their yard picturesque. They love to travel in nature's outdoors by various methods. Both are active in their church and community.



Menno and Barbara Wideman -- Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary.



Menno and Barbara Wideman, Merlin and Velda on the farm.

They have three children: Sharon, Dennis and Eileen. Sharon is an admitting clerk at the Tofield Health Centre. She married Ed Wiens and lives east of Tofield. They have three children: Melanie, Shane and Angela. Dennis died in a truck accident at twenty three years of age. He is buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery. Eileen married Darryl Patterson. They live at Maple Ridge, B.C. and have two sons, Dustin and Sheldon.

Merlin trained as an airplane pilot but became a truck driver instead, for Canadian Freightways Ltd. He married Florence Duley. They live at Hastings Lake and love to entertain, go places by plane and work at their home. Florence is a school

teacher. She is the Representative for the Central North Region of the Alberta Teachers' Association and visits nine schools. She is involved in the Provincial Executive of the A.T.A. Merlin and Florence are active in Holyrood Mennonite Church in Edmonton and in their community.

Merlin had two sons from a former marriage, Loren and Darryl. Loren is a journeyman plumber in Edmonton. He is married and has three sons: Kyle, Tyler and Dylan. Darryl worked on road construction for four years in the Yukon. He later trained as a tool and die maker and lives in Toronto, Ontario. Darryl has visited both Mexico and Australia.

In 1992 the Menno Wideman's have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Nathan and Velda Stutzman.



Merlin and Florence Wideman.

Jerry and Mary Wiens

by Mary Wiens

We lived in the Bardo district from June, 1951, to April, 1956, on the "Minnie McConnel" farm. Many important changes took place during those years, but they were positive changes and we have many fond memories of those times. We were just married and this was our first home. We got to know many wonderful people and we had very good neighbors. It was here that our first child was born.

We moved from the Bardo district to the Lindbrook area and to Sherwood Park in 1979. As we think back to those years, the one thing that has left the deepest impression on us was the warm community spirit. As we meet former neighbors we realize that community spirit has not changed.



Jerry and Mary Wiens.

Wiens, Abe, Elizabeth and family

Abe was born in Russia in 1926 and lived with his parents in Siberia, a part of Russia, where they were farming. When the Communist government started to oppress them they knew they must make a change. They fled at night over the frozen Amur River into China. After living in China for a year they tried to immigrate into Canada but they were refused.

Paraguay, South America, had open doors for new immigrants so in 1932, Abe, together with his parents and many more refugees made their way to Paraguay and settled in the Chaco Wilderness. Abe grew up in this area and spent his time farming and ranching.

Catherine the Great was a German-born Empress of Russia from 1762 - 1796. She invited farmers from Germany and Poland to come to the

Ukraine to farm the land. It was a fertile area and the new immigrants turned the raw uncultivated land into a productive place. They prospered until Communism came in 1918.

During the years when Communism took over, they decided to make everyone equal. They confiscated everything these successful farmers had accumulated. They lost everything to the communist government. Many of the prosperous farmers were sent to Siberia to eke out a living or die.

Elizabeth was born in the Ukraine in 1930. She, with her family, fled from Russia in 1942, during World War II. After the war was over, they were refugees in Germany. They, too, wanted to immigrate to Canada but the doors were closed to them. Paraguay doors were still open to these Mennonite refugees whether they were young or old. In 1947 they sailed over the ocean and also settled on the raw land of the Chaco in Paraguay.

Abe and Elizabeth met in Paraguay and were married in 1948. That same year, Abe and Elizabeth together with Abe's parents, came to Canada and settled in Coaldale, Alberta. It was in Coaldale that they established their first home. Abe changed his occupation from being a cowboy to becoming a carpenter.

In 1961, Abe and Elizabeth, together with their four children, Vic, Ed, Werner, and Betty, moved to Tofield to begin farming. They bought their farm from John Baerg and continued their farming operation for 31 years. Three more children were born and they all have fond memories of growing up on the farm. Abe and Elizabeth are now living in Tofield.

Vic married Esther Poettcker. They live on a farm south of Tofield. Ed married Sharon Stutzman and they are farming the original farm

of Abe and Elizabeth. Werner married Ester Rempel and they make their home at Fort St. John. Betty married Arnold Poettcker. They lived in Tofield until July, 1993 when they moved to British Columbia. Esther married Greg Andrukow and they live in Viking, Alberta. Harold lives in Three Hills, Alberta. Albert married Jolene Brown and lived in Edmonton, Alberta. They have also moved to British Columbia.

Victor and Esther Wiens

submitted by Esther Wiens

Even though we have lived in the Bardo area for seventeen years, we still think of ourselves as relative "newcomers" to this community. We purchased a poultry farm from Don and Pat Litwin in the summer of 1974 and have been raising chickens ever since.

Both sets of our parents were born in Russia and emigrated from there in their early years. Vic's father, Abe Wiens, left Russia at age six, together with other families, to escape the government oppression. Isaac Wiens, Vic's grandfather, led these people through China, and then, because Canada's doors were closed at the time, to Paraguay, South America. A book has been written of this event by a Tofield resident, Dick Thiessen, called **Beyond Those Mountains**.

It was while Abe lived in Paraguay that he met Vic's mother, Elizabeth Penner, who had left Russia at age sixteen. She experienced many hardships and much fear in doing so. They came to Canada in 1948 and Vic was born a few years later in Coaldale, Alberta. His family then moved to Tofield.

Esther's father, Abraham Poettcker, also left Russia because of government oppression at age nine and arrived in Ontario. After living in South Dakota, U.S.A., for a short time, they moved to Pincher Creek, Alberta. While he was attending Bible School in Coaldale he met Anna Thiessen, whom he married in 1943. She also had been born in Russia, emigrated at age four, arrived in Canada, to live in Borden, Saskatchewan, and then moved to Coaldale, Alberta. Together, they lived in Pincher Creek where seven children later, Esther was born. When she was two weeks old, they moved to Tofield, where they have lived ever since.

Vic and I (Esther) met through church activities as both our parents attended the Tofield Mennonite Brethern Church. We married in 1972 and lived in Edmonton for two years. Vic got tired of punching time clocks so we moved "back to



Abe Wiens family. Back Row: Betty, Werner, Vic, Ed. Front Row: Abe, Esther, Albert, Elizabeth, Harold.

the land” when we purchased our farm in the Bardo Community in 1974.

Our first child, Chris was born in 1975 and two years later, a daughter, Jaime, was born. We remain very involved in various church activities, sports, and with our family and friends.

I (Esther) am presently working part-time at a medical clinic in Tofield. In his free time, Vic golfs, plays ball, is involved with Minor Hockey, and spends as much time as possible flying around in his plane. Chris is in grade eleven, plays hockey, ball and golf. Jaime is in grade ten and tries to remain as busy as possible with friends.

Through the seventeen years we have lived in Bardo, we realize we live in a great neighborhood. Various social activities and involvement with the baseball team have helped us to get to know and appreciate those that live around us.



Chris, Esther, Jaime, Victor Wiens.

Garry and Anne (Kroeger) Wiens

by Garry and Ann Wiens

Garry Wiens was born in 1948 to Abe & Mary (Regehr) Wiens and grew up on a farm five miles northwest of Ryley, Alberta. He graduated from high school in Ryley and attended Vermilion College in the Faculty of Animal Science. In 1970 he began employment with the Federal Government in the area of agriculture as a Primary Products (meat) Inspector in Calgary. While there he met Anne Kroeger and they were married in April of 1972.

Anne was born in Ascension, Paraguay to John and Suzanna (Loewen) Kroeger. In 1957 they immigrated to Alberta. Anne graduated from Viscount Bennett High School in Calgary and attended the University of Calgary. She worked at Pillsbury Canada Ltd. for a year and a half in accounting and was involved in converting office

records and accounts to computer. This was in 1972 and was the beginning of the Computer Age in business.

The first year of married life was spent in Calgary. They then purchased land and built a house on an acreage west of Airdrie. Anne had a change in employment to a company that was closer to home. Her work once again was in accounting and another computer conversion was involved. This position was with Western Breeders and turned out to be a good introduction to agriculture.

Their first child, Bonnie, was born in Airdrie in April of 1976. In 1977 they sold the acreage and moved back to Calgary where the twin girls, Shelley and Stacy, were born. In fall of 1977 thoughts returned to farming and they purchased their home quarter from Ivan Foshaug. In 1978 Garry was transferred to Edmonton and they decided to move to Tofield with their family. During that summer they built their house and in September they moved to the farm. In December of 1978 their son, Craig, was born.

In 1981 they built their first feeder barn and went into hog production. They expanded to a farrow to finish operation in 1983 and in spring of the following year, Garry terminated his employment with the government and began full-



Garry and Anne Wiens family. Back: Garry. Middle Row: Stacey, Bonnie, Shelley, Craig. Front: Anne.

time farming. After fourteen years in the Bardo area, the family has come to appreciate the community very much for its friendly people. They have become active in the Tofield Mennonite Church. Garry has been church chairman for a number of years and on the building committee of the new church Fellowship Hall. Anne is actively involved in the church music program with both adults and children as well as being church treasurer. The children attend and are actively involved in the Tofield School. The girls participate on the school volleyball and basketball teams and take piano lessons. Craig enjoys all sports but plays hockey with Tofield Minor Hockey and takes guitar lessons. The Wiens are very happy to have made their home in the Bardo Community.

The Family of Levi D. and Lydia Yoder by Donald Kauffman

The Yoders trace their ancestry back to Switzerland. The first of the “Bardo Yoders” came to North America about 1744 and three generations of Amish bishops in this Yoder line helped to establish the Amish Church in North America. They settled first in Pennsylvania and during the next 160 years the family moved west as new territories were opened up and for the most part maintained its allegiance to the Amish cause. Membership in the Amish group helped to assure that a form of the German language, Americanized Low-German, known as “Pennsylvania Dutch”, was the mother tongue of this family. They arrived on the eastern edge of the Bardo district, not as Germans, but as somewhat liberalized Amish (Amish-Mennonites) with an American background, speaking a language that was very different from the language of most of the Bardo settlement. The children of the “Bardo Yoders” learned English in order to survive in school and in their new homeland.

In the last decade of the 1800’s and the first decade of the 1900’s, land agents in the north-central United States made considerable effort to convince people to purchase land in Western Canada. The Amish-Mennonites of Nebraska, Illinois, and Iowa were approached. “You can buy enough land so that each of your sons can have his own farm when he marries, and you can start a new church and Nicky (Nicholas) Roth can be your preacher”, was the promise the land agents made. As an enticement to this group, a four-acre piece of land, two miles east and three miles south of Bardo School was donated by a banker in Nebraska to the new settlement so they could build

a church building. The Salem Mennonite Church is still located on this land.

The promise of plentiful land, fertile and flat, not hilly like in Iowa, was enough to convince Levi D. Yoder, then 67 years old, to move most of his family from Parnell, Iowa to the Bardo district in Alberta. First came Jacob E. and Mary (Yoder) Schwartzendruber with two children (1910). In 1911, two married sons, David and Jacob moved to Alberta. In the spring of 1912, Levi and Lydia Yoder, with four unmarried sons: John, Ezra, Ray, and Vernon moved to the Bardo district. A double brother-sister combination, Henry Yoder and his new bride, Lavina Kauffman, and the Joseph E. and Katie (Yoder) Kauffman family also came in 1912. By Christmas of 1912, twenty-five members of the Levi and Lydia Yoder extended family were living on the eastern edge of the Bardo district, including six married couples with thirteen children ranging in age from 20 years to 20 days. In this family was a two-year-old (Edna – later Mrs. John Wideman) who was destined to become a teacher in the Anderson School. Only two of the eleven Yoder children did not come to Alberta.

Travel to Alberta was relatively easy since the railway passed through Tofield by this time. A box car was loaded with the necessities for farming, including four horses and other stock. (Back in the States the warning was, “Don’t bring your best horses, they tend to get swamp fever and die in that country.”). A colonist car provided accommodation for the people; older boys rode in the boxcar to care for the animals. They arrived at Tofield in March and unloaded their belongings. (One little girl was heard to say, as she stood on the station platform and looked around at the rather empty looking place they had come to, “Why did we ever come to this place?”) An eight mile wagon haul south east from Tofield, and they were “home”.

Levi Yoder purchased two parcels of land. One was at N-1/2 12-49-19 where the Grand Forks Community Centre is now located. The other was in the Bardo district at W 1/2 5-50-18. They chose to live on this land, one mile east of Anderson School and half-a-mile north on the north bank of Amisk Creek (east side of road). Roads in those early years tended to follow the path of least resistance, so east-west traffic on the north side of Amisk Creek passed between the house and barn of the Yoder farmstead. In wet weather, wagons and buggies left ruts across the farmyard. The significance of these ruts is not known, but

they are always mentioned in the reminiscences of those who were children then.

A lot of building took place in the summer of 1912. Five young men, looking for adventure, came in May from Iowa to help get everyone settled in, before winter. Daughter Mary Swartzendruber was already living across the road (1911) from the new Yoder home so many people lived there that first summer. Buildings were constructed on the Levi Yoder farm and on the Joseph E. Kauffman place, providing shelter for the Levi Yoder family, the Henry Yoder family, and the Joseph Kauffman family. In the fall, the five carpenters returned to Iowa and by the time winter set in, each family was in its own home and the Yoder families were ready to survive their first Alberta winter.

Levi Yoder's life came to a tragic end four years later. The Camrose Canadian, April 13, 1916 reported the following:

“Runaway Team Charges – Farmer L.P. Yoder Dies. Levi Yoder, one of the most respected farmers in the Tofield district, was the victim of a fatal accident at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 10, when a team attached to a farm wagon became unmanageable, and in running down the farm lane by the house, charged into the elderly man, who unsuccessfully sought to avoid them ... He was carried into the house and surgical aid was immediately secured. Besides receiving several external cuts and bruises, it was found that grave internal injuries were sustained. At four o'clock this morning he died.”

He is buried in the Salem Church Cemetery. Levi's wife, Lydia, lived on until May 16, 1930. She died from a heart condition.

The Yoder Children:

Mary L married Jacob Swartzendruber – see that story

Katie L married Joseph E. Kauffman – see that story

David L Yoder married Lucinda Stauffer – lived in the Bardo district. (See that story.)

Jacob L Yoder married Barbara Stauffer – They lived in the Grand Forks district, four miles north of Round Hill.

Henry L married Lavina Kauffman – lived in the Bardo district. (See that history.)

John L Yoder married Gertrude Lerbekmo – lived in the Bardo district – then moved to Ontario. (See that history.) **Ezra L** Yoder married Millie Stauffer – lived near Grand Forks where Harley and Fern Lehman now live. (See that history.)

Raymond L Yoder – left Alberta in 1916, lived in New York state for a time where he married Ruth Boots. They had two sons. In 1924 he moved to San Francisco. At the time of his death, 1967, he was living at Long Beach, California.

Vernon L Yoder married Phoebe Roth from Nebraska in 1928. They farmed one year in Alberta, then moved to Nebraska. They had nine children.

The David Yoder Family

by Edith (Yoder) Boettger

David Yoder and Lucinda (Stauffer) were married August 19, 1909 at Milford, Nebraska. David was born and raised in Iowa. He used to tell us that all the money he earned before he was twenty-one had to be given to his parents.

David and Lucinda lived in Nebraska for two years after their marriage. Due to high land prices in Nebraska and glowing reports of opportunities in Alberta, many of the relatives decided to try their fortune here.

In 1911, David and Will Stutzman came on an immigration train with their belongings while their wives and children came on the passenger train.

David Yoders took residence on a half section two miles east of Anderson School (Bardo) in a small log house until they built a frame house. In 1919 the house was renovated and added onto with the convenience of electricity powered by a Delco plant. This is presently the home of Marvin and Edith Boettger.

The Yoders came with one small daughter, Edna (Wideman). Later two more daughters, Lavanda (Wideman) and Edith (Boettger) were born.

David and Lucinda had a mixed farming operation and for quite a few years had laying hens as well. They sold eggs to the hatchery in Edmonton, which made a weekly trip to the big city a necessity.

They farmed until 1937, when they rented their land to John and Edna Wideman who were married the previous year and were residing on the farm in a small new house.

David and Lucinda remained on the farm, helping where they could. Lucinda passed away in March, 1956 and in October, 1958, David married Esther Guengerish from Upland, California. They enjoyed their years together by living in Alberta in the summer and California in the winter until health would no longer permit. David passed away in March, 1976 at the age of 91 years.



David Yoder family. Back Row: Lavanda, Edna. Front Row: David, Edith, Lucinda.

ERNIE AND PEARL YODER FAMILY HISTORY

By Pearl Yoder

I was born, the second eldest daughter of William and Katie (Roth) Stauffer, March 9, 1921 on the farm where Lars and Gladys Rude now reside. We attended Grand Forks school, usually walking the 2¼ miles each way.

Grade eight was the highest grade taught in the one-room school so at the early age of 13 my schooling was ended – but further education of great importance was gained through work. We were taught to bake and cook – gardening was a high priority as well as milking cows – as many as 10 each, during harvesting and threshing. I also remember taking our lunches with us on the hayrack when we went to pick roots from the land which had been newly broken (a family project). As I look back, that was a lot of fun.

On a Sunday evening, October 13, 1940, I married Ernie Yoder at the Salem Mennonite Church. An uncle, J. B. Stauffer officiated. Our reception was held at our parents home in November. We lived with my folks for three months until the barn was completed and we then



The house Ernie and Pearl lived in on the farm.

moved three miles north to the farm that was Levi Yoder's. Later J. L. Yoder bought it and it is now the Riediger farm.

The house was moved to its present location before we moved into it. It had been much further east. We grew various grain crops but were only able to harvest one out of the eleven years we were there. Hail storms took their toll every year. We also had a herd of purebred Holsteins which provided our livelihood.

Mervin was born August 17, 1942; Marian, November 11, 1946; and Elden on January 9, 1955. Mervin spent the first four years of his schooling at Anderson School in the Bardo district, before the farm was sold. We moved to Camrose, March 10, 1952. Ernie was employed driving the Bulk Master Feed truck for Byers Flour Mills for eight years. Later he sold W. Rawleigh products until his death on December 24, 1969.

Mervin received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta. He married Barbara Roth December 30, 1965. They have two boys: Mervin Bradley born August 22, 1968, and Landon Troy, born January 24, 1970. Mervin's lived in Edmonton where both boys were born. Mervin worked at Swift's Packing Plant as an analyst consultant. He changed jobs and went to Hudson Bay Oil and Gas and later in 1970 was transferred to the new office in Fox Creek. At first they turned the offer down but now say they "are so grateful God gave them a second chance."



Mervin and Barbara Yoder, Brad and Landon.

Barbara's involvement in the church work and volunteer work at the library kept her busy.

Settling in this isolated northern town (160 miles north of Edmonton) must have had its discouragements. Three years before, the town consisted of hardly more than a dozen houses and a trailer park. In three short years it had grown to approximately 1600 people and the streets were paved. When Merv and Barb arrived in Fox Creek a Sunday School had already been started and later, January 14, 1973, the first church building ever in Fox Creek was dedicated.

In 1974 the family moved to their dairy farm near Barrhead and later back to town with Merv working as manager at Champion Feeds. Barbara extended her career with four years in University where she earned her Bachelor of Education degree in 1986. Her dreams became reality when she was given the position of teaching Grade 1 in Neerlandia. Barbara died, April 17, 1990.

Mervin married Laveryn Green on October 6, 1990, and now resides in Red Deer. Laveryn has three girls: Dallas, Leslie, and Jodi. Currently Brad is employed by IGA and Landon at the Dairy Pool. Together they maintain a cow-calf operation.

Marian took all her schooling in Camrose and after graduating worked at various places, taking one year off for Bible School in Ontario. On returning to Camrose, she went to work at the University Hospital in Edmonton as a secretary. On May 30, 1970, she married Donald Victor (Butch) Martin. They have three children: Darcy, born April 14, 1972, Dallas, April 11, 1974, and Candace, Feb. 3, 1978. They live at Brooks, Alberta, where Butch owned and operated the Brooks Livestock Auction Ltd. from 1970 to 1990. He is presently farming and buying cattle.

Elden was born in Camrose and took all his

schooling there. He chose as his career to work for Byers Flour Mill packaging flour and as warehouse supervisor and later to become an "Operative Miller" for five yers. The outdoors seemed to overrule so he bought a gravel truck and has been self-employed since. That field of employment takes one all over the province. He is in the same vocation today but moved to an acreage south of Camrose where he enjoys the country life.



Eldon Yoder, son of Ernie.



Ernie Yoder family. Pearl, Ernie, Mervin, Barbara, Marian, Eldon.



Marian (daughter of Ernie Yoder) and Donald ("Butch") Martin, Dallas Candace, Darcy.

The Henry Yoder Family

by Velma Lehman

On July 27, 1911, my father, Henry Yoder, married my mother, Lavina Kauffman. They both lived in Parnell, Iowa. Several days later they were on their way to Canada. Two of Dad's brothers were already living in Canada. They stayed long enough to help put up the hay. They were just starting to thresh here in September when Mom and Dad went back to Iowa. They arrived there in time for corn husking. They did three loads a

day and made four dollars. That, to them, was real good money.

In March, Mom and Dad started for Canada once more. The idea of raising wheat was very appealing to Dad. So through many hardships they stayed in Canada.



Henry and Lavina Yoder.

We lived on Grandpa Levi Yoder's place. This is now the Riediger place. In 1935 we moved one-half mile east to Dad's land. I lived there for two years before I was married.

My mother died January 3, 1965, and father died October 27, 1975. They had three children: Velma, Lloyd and Leslie. We went to Anderson (Bardo) School which was one-half mile south and one mile west from where we lived. I have many happy memories of my parents and childhood days in the Bardo district.

I, Velma Yoder Lehman was married to David Lehman. He passed away May 20, 1960. We had three children. Our son, Mervyn passed away during infancy. Our daughters are Lois and Marilyn. Lois married William Lauber and Marilyn married Rudy Huebert. I am now living in Tofield, Alberta.

Lloyd married Vera Wideman. They live in Camrose, Alberta. They had five children. The oldest son, Eugene passed away August 3, 1981. The other children are: Garry, Judith, Marie and Laurel.

Leslie married Naomi Wideman. They live in Tofield and have four children, Larry, Lillian, Paul and Ervin.



David and Velma Lehman, Lois and Marilyn.



Lloyd Yoder family. Back Row: Judy and Neil Effesen, Lori and Scott McLochalen, Betty and Gary Yoder, Marie and Robert Olsen. Sitting: Lloyd, Vera.



Leslie and Naomi Yoder, Larry, Paul, Lillian, Ervin.

Larry & Sharon Yoder and Family

Larry was born to Leslie and Naomi Yoder on October 4, 1945 in Edmonton, Alberta. They lived two miles east of the Anderson (Bardo) School where they ran a dairy operation. Larry attended the Anderson School from first grade until the school closed. Many stories have been told about the two room school.

In 1965 Larry married Sharon Ozubko. Sharon was born on January 6, 1948 in Tofield to Peter and Josie Ozubko. She took her schooling in Tofield and resided there until she moved to the country to be a farmer's wife. Their first home was on the Leslie Yoder farm. Larry worked for Joseph Voegtlin, then in Tofield for K and M Farm Supplies and lastly for a telephone company putting up rural phone lines.

In 1967, Larry decided that he had worked out long enough and started looking for something of his own. One evening while reading the Free Press, he came across an advertisement – "farm for sale". It happened to be Arnold Johnson's farm and so the wheels started turning. After many trips to the Farm Credit office, Larry was approved and they purchased the Johnson quarter section farm. The big move was made on June 30, 1967. They started the dairy business the same year with five cows and eventually worked up to nineteen cows which is all the barn holds.

Larry farmed with his Dad as he had no machinery of his own. One year Larry and Sharon



Larry and Sharon Yoder family, 1992. Back Row: Rhonda Ray, Darren, Deanna, Angela and David Yoder. Front Row: Sharon and Bradley, Larry and Alanna.

rented Uncle Noah Wideman's farm, only to lose on that deal. Another year they tried buying feeder cattle and just about lost their shirts over that. They decided to strictly dairy farm, but eventually they expanded in a small way with range cows. Today their operation is basically the same, dairy, a small beef herd and grain farming. They are now on their own. This town girl looks forward to retiring, but Larry says, "Not yet."

Larry and Sharon were blessed with three children. David was born January 8, 1966. He was married on August 9, 1986 to Angela Goerzen. They have two children; Alanna born December 28, 1989 and Bradley born April 28, 1992. David is a hired hand in a large chicken operation in the Didsbury area.

Darren, their second son, was born October 24, 1969. He and Rhonda Ray have wedding plans for July 10, 1993. At present, Darren is trucking for Southview out of Vermilion.

The only daughter of Larry and Sharon arrived October 19, 1974. Deanna is her name and currently she is living at home. She has plans to attend either College or Bible School in September of 1993.

John L. and Gertie Yoder

by Leonard Stauffer

John Yoder came from Iowa, U.S.A. on December 3, 1920. He married Gertrude Lerbekmo and they lived on the Lerbekmo homestead where two sons were born.

Stanley Wayne, born August 27, 1921, married Arvilla Nancy Wideman, born April 25, 1917, on April 12, 1941. Stanley was in the Royal Canadian Air Force and became a Wing Commander before his retirement.

The second son, Lorne Donald, born January



John L. and Gertie Yoder family. Gertie, Stanley, Lorne, John.

11, 1923, married Florence Mae Black from London, Ontario, on June 22, 1945. Florence was born April 1, 1926.

John and Gertie moved to California in 1925. They lived in Inglewood, where now stands the Great West Forum, where the Los Angeles Kings play hockey.

They came back to Bardo in 1928 and in 1940 they moved to Camrose and took over the grocery delivery there. John became elevator agent in Dodds for some time. They retired to Kitchener, Ontario where he passed away. Gertie still lives in a Retirement Home close to Kitchener at Cambridge, Ontario.

Ezra and Millie Yoder

submitted by Ruth Yoder

In the early 1900's the lure of large tracts of virgin land brought many settlers into the Bardo area. Amongst these early immigrants was Ezra L. Yoder, who, along with his father and mother, Levi and Lydia Yoder, and three unmarried brothers, settled on a farm east of Bardo school in 1912. This is where Ezra attended school. He was registered in December, 1912. The family had moved from Iowa. Ezra, was born in 1894 and was a young man of eighteen years at the time. Being an ambitious young man he enjoyed working with his father on the farm, but dreamed of farming on his own.

On March 28, 1918, he married Millie Stauffer. Millie was born in Milford, Nebraska, in 1900, and moved with her parents, John and Barbara Stauffer to the Grand Forks district in 1910. Following their marriage they lived on a farm in the Kingman area and later moved to the Grand Forks district, NW1/4-18-49-18-W4.

They had four children: Gladys, Marge, Donald and Fern. Gladys went to Ontario in 1945 where she lived for thirteen years. Then she moved to Edmonton and in 1976 to her present home in Tofield.

Marge married Eldon Boettger and lived in the Kingman area for several years. In 1957 they moved to the farm just south of Grand Forks. In 1991 they sold their farm and retired to make their home in Tofield. Marge and Eldon have three children: Evonne Poettcker, Gordon and Glenda.

Donald married Ruth Voegtlin. They farm in the Amisk Creek district. They have five children, Evelyn Martin, Elaine Hawrelak, Dolores Noga, Donna and Keith.

Fern married Harley Lehman. They live on the Yoder home place just north of Grand Forks. Their

son Terry is helping them farm. This is the third generation on this farm. They also have four daughters: Doreen, Carolyn Bugge, Sheila Stauffer and Lorraine.

Ezra Yoder was well known in the community. For many years he did custom grinding. He was also a trucker, doing general trucking. This was quite a challenge as often the roads were muddy or drifted with snow.

Ezra and Millie continued farming until 1954 when they retired and moved into Tofield. Ezra died in 1963 and Millie passed away in 1986. They are buried in the Salem Mennonite Cemetery.

(Donald died in an accident, June 12, 1993, and is buried in the Salem Cemetery.)



Ezra and Millie Yoder.



The Ezra and Millie Yoder family. Fern, Gladys, Donald, Millie, Marjorie.

Roy and Selina Zook **(by the Zook Children)**

This is the history of the "Hershberger Place", 3 1/2 miles south of Tofield (South 1/2-24-50-19-W4).

Roy and Selina Zook moved to Tofield, Alberta from Harper, Kansas in 1918. Their family of three daughters, and a three-month-old son, Justice, made the trip by train.

The Zooks knew the Joe Hershberger family in Kansas, and as a result, they rented the Hershberger Farm from 1918-1933. This farm had several coal mines, however, one was already obsolete at this time. Jim McDevitt was operator of the mines. The farm had a "bunk shack" where the miners slept. The "cook shack" was also located on this farm. We children remember seeing people driving into the farm on their sleds, along the fence on the north side of the property, to get a supply of coal for their families.

The family travelled 8.5 miles to attend worship services at Salem Mennonite Church. In winter months, the main mode of travel was on a "bob-sled". The older children attended Ingram School. They have fond memories of their travelling 1/2 mile to school. One special memory is of the teacher heating the school room, and at lunch time, heating our meat or baked potatoes that we brought for our lunch. The song "God Save Our King" made a special memory in our minds.

Our father, Roy, was a carpenter, and he helped to build the Stewart Hall Barn, which is a landmark in the community.

The Zooks moved from the Hershberger place in 1933, and later moved back to their native Kansas. The above are fond memories of the "Zook" children.

Reminiscing

(by Iris Francis)

We are grateful to Mrs. Ragna Steen and Magda Hendrickson for the time and effort put into the history of the early days in Bardo. Their book, "Pioneer Days in Bardo - Alberta" printed by The Dahl Company, Ltd., Winnipeg, Canada in 1944 has provided a wealth of information especially for the history section in this book.

There were many **firsts** recorded which we thought are of interest and importance to the future generations. In 1892, Nels Jevning and Martin Finseth **first** dreamed of going to Canada.

- 1893 - The first Government surveying was done around Beaver Lake.
- 1894 - The first Norwegian Lutheran service was held in the home of P.B. Anderson. As far as anyone knows, Rev. Bersvend Anderson was the first pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America between Winnipeg and the Rockies.
 - Christmas festivities were held for the first time in the new land.
 - Mrs. Peter Jevning was the first woman from the community to shop in Edmonton.
- 1894-95 - The death of the first baby born in the settlement brought sadness into their midst. This necessitated the first grave.
 - A choir was started with P.B. Anderson as leader.
- 1895 - The first Congregational meeting was held May 23.
 - The first Communion was celebrated. The first church altar was made by Reverend Bersvend Anderson.
 - The first wheat used was Red Fife.
 - Harvesting was done with a scythe and flail as the fields were very small.
- 1896 - The first Confirmation was held and Sunday School was formed.
 - Peter Finseth taught the first school.

- 1897 - The first Co-operative was the Butter Association.
- 1898 - Ladies gathered to organize the first Ladies' Aid.
 - The first bazaar was held to raise money for the school district.
- 1899 - The first society for young girls was formed, namely, "Busy Bee Band".
 - The men held their first 'shooting match'.
 - The First of July picnic was held on the John Jevning place.
 - The Literary Society was formed.
- 1900 - The first Community social took place.
 - On June 5th the first wedding was solemnized for Martin Hansen and Ingeborg Jevning.
 - The Temperance Society was formed.
- 1902 - Nels Jevning owned the first cream separator.
 - P.B. Anderson owned the first organ in the community.
 - Carl Lerbekmo acquired the first boat.
 - Lars Pederson built the first frame house and later owned the first up-to-date top buggy.
- 1906 - Anton Bartness built the first windmill on his land. Dates are not known for the following:
 - Iver Finseth owned the first gramophone.
 - The first power washer and piano were owned by H.N. Ronning.
 - J.B. Stauffer purchased the first tractor.
 - Tom Rorem installed the first electric lighting system.
 - Olaf Anderson came home with the first radio.

- 1908 – The first church building was built on the creek bank.
- 1910 – The telephones were installed.
- 1926 – William Simonson Sr. built a modern house with plumbing.
- An airplane was built and flown by Peter Lerbekmo in **1926**. This became the first snowmobile.

There are many more ‘firsts’, but space does not permit. It is suggested that the reading of the ‘Pioneer Days in Bardo’ for further interesting stories and history, if possible, would benefit all who are interested.

We now proceed to stories sent in by old and young.

By Harold Johnson – 98 years old in 1992

Martin Finseth was our storekeeper in Bardo. He was a very generous man. You could always get groceries, if you had money or not. Times were hard and too much credit was hard on the business. Mr. Finseth finally decided that he would have to sell out because he couldn’t afford to keep on the way things were. But, he was happy because he had been able to help those in need.

Another generous couple was Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Anderson. He was the only man who could speak English at that time. P.B. was very involved in getting the school started but the school district finally got under way. That’s where I learned a few words of English, and also that two and two are four.

Martin Eide was the poet in the district. He always wrote a poem for anything that went on, eg. funerals, weddings, anniversaries, etc. When he walked along the road, he would talk out loud to himself. Some people thought this was funny, but I did not look at it that way, as I used to talk out loud when I was on the John Deere tractor. I used to reprimand the politicians. This was done very loudly, so they could hear me over the roar of the tractor.

More Memories (submitted by Simon Haakstad)

Simon notes that Harold Johnson, son of Andrew Johnson and grandson of Johannes Johnson Sr., remembers everything about the early days. (1991, 97 years old). Harold remembers Simon’s great-grandpa, John Lerbekmo, raising and selling horses. He also remembers that there was so much brush and lots of land to clear in those days, but thousands of rabbits and plenty of fish to eat. He said the rabbits were incredible, even though they were not great to eat.

Happy Childhood Memories of Earl, Harold and Norma Kindley

- Picking berries, including a community excursion to the Black Foot Reserve, when the Saskatoons were hanging like grapes.
- Ann Anderson’s lutefisk, and her home-made ice-cream.
- Harvest and threshing time and enjoying the wonderful meals while listening to the World Series.
- Christmas and New Year’s, visiting – travelling by sleigh with heated sad irons to keep their feet warm.
- “The Christmas Tree” at the church with Bennie Anderson reading the Christmas story from Luke and the children holding hands and encircling the candle-lit tree.
- Mom’s Fleishman’s buns, her sour cream raisin pie, lefse and melted Møsmør on toast.
- Dad’s pride and joy on becoming a Canadian Citizen in June of 1932.
- Our first radio and some of the early radio programs: The Lux Radio Theatre, The Shadow, Charlie and Edgar Bergen, Hockey Night in Canada, and Fibber McGee and Molly.
- Dad cooking slabs of lumber in a big boiler, and shaping them into skis.

Myrtle Remembers

(by Myrtle (Rude) Bjornson)

When I started Sunday School at Bardo, I could not speak Norwegian, however I could understand it. The ABC book was given to me to learn first. It was not difficult, as I enjoyed reading. Soon P.B. Anderson put me into the small Catechism Class. I learned to write Norwegian in a simple way by attending Vacation Bible School several summers. I also wrote letters to Grandma Helgeland, who lived in Nielsville, Minnesota. A year was spent in Bardu, Norway at which time only Norwegian was spoken. I still read Norwegian books or papers that come my way. Also, the writing is kept up by correspondence with Peter’s relatives in Norway, and also my Dad’s people who live about 30 English miles south-east of Oslo. I’ve had opportunity to write business letters too, which is quite different from the everyday language, although I write the State language in ordinary letter writing as well. However, it is changing too.

Two rewarding particulars I remember while teaching the Senior Room at Anderson School (Bardo) are, receiving lovely boxes of stationary at Christmas time from the students, and the last

Christmas I received a lovely leather-bound book of Tennyson's Poems. Iris has the book now.

Another memorable incident was when on a hike with the class we found a small hedge of English Hawthorn along the creek in Jevning's pasture. We brought some back with us, although the sample was treacherous to handle because of the long, sharp spines. It looked unique on the school-room wall. One day when J.W. Russel came to inspect he asked for the branch. He was so interested in it that he spent time with the whole class discussing the hawthorn. Several questions were asked, such as, how it got here from England, why it grew on the creek bank, its use in England and more. Mr. Russel could not give all the answers. However, the hawthorn is used as a fence in England, the berry is called a 'haw', but how it got here and why it grew on the creek bank could only be surmised.

The hawthorn was still there at the time of the Anderson School Reunion in 1980.



Anderson (Bardo) School Reunion, 1980. Myrtle (Rude) Bjornson's Class – 1926-1930.

A Skating Story

(by Phillip Anderson)

On New Years Day in the middle thirties, the Finseths, Hendrickses and Andersons were invited to Stauffers for dinner. The temperature was 60 degrees below Fahrenheit in the morning. The young boys wanted to go to the rink at the school and play hockey. The parents tried to discourage them because of the cold temperature, but they were fearless. It was so cold that every one of them shattered his hockey stick.

An Interesting Hockey Story

(by Ivan Foshaug)

The Bardo hockey team was supposed to play hockey in Ryley. It was 40 degrees below

Fahrenheit when they drove to Ryley. Again the hardy Viking spirit showed as they drove, not in a car, but with bob-sleigh and horses. The horses were housed in the livery barn during the time of the game so they were comfortable. When the hockey game was over (it's not remembered who won) Johnny Jevning from Ryley put his foot down and refused to let the hockey team drive back home because of the severe temperature. Blankets were produced and the team spent the night at the Ryley hall. They slept in the blankets on the floor and were well protected from the cold.

Things Milton Remembers About Bardo

(by Milton Jevning)

Although I left Bardo over fifty years ago, I remember the community spirit – people always willing to help – neighbor helping neighbor. I was ten years old when Dad died on July 1, 1929. In the fall, the neighbors all came and took off the crop. The following spring they came and seeded. Then in the fall of 1930, a storm went through the area and destroyed the barn. Once again it was the neighbors who came and erected a barn for us. The people came without being asked.

I recall some of the activities, like the Bardo Male Chorus, of which I was a member for a few years, also the Bardo Baseball team. Olaf Anderson was the umpire. Bob Berrecloth played shortstop (an Englishman speaking a bit of Norwegian, and using Copenhagen). There were the Steens, Foshaugs, Clarence Rude, Benny Anderson, and others I have forgotten. It was through the kindness of local people that we had ball parks – someone's pasture!

We played hockey on old skates that didn't fit very well. By the time the younger brothers were old enough, the handed down skates were pretty well worn out. Those with the best skates played forward, second best played defense, and the poorest skater got stuck in goal. I remember Robert Stauffer coming out to skate with no stockings. How he could stand to put his bare feet into a cold pair of skates, I'll never know.

We could always tell when the older men of the district were going to start playing hockey. A call went out to check all outhouses in the area to salvage the Eaton catalogues. These were more urgently needed for shin pads, and what else were shiny pages good for?

A ski jump was also built, and swimming was common in the local creeks – cold and dirty, but wet!

Anderson School (Bardo)

I remember some of the horses. Anderson's had a small white horse called Pet. Benny Moen rode a roan horse named Sailor. Then there was Hugh and Harold Currie and their two ponies. Some children could only have a horse during winter months when they weren't being used for field work.

We had a basketball and a pump to inflate it. It wasn't long before the bigger boys found a new use for it. They would fill it with water, knock on the door of the downstairs room and spray the teacher when she answered it.

There was one boy in school who had a great love for snakes. He had an uncanny way of finding them and would carry them in his shirt pocket or around his neck. Many teachers and girls were scared, even one of his brothers.

I recall one occasion when one of the boys tore a hole in his pants. His sister, Mary, acted as a good samaritan and mended them with colored thread, but she sewed a little deep and included his one-piece underwear in her stitching. It was pretty hard for him to get out of this predicament.

One lovely summer day Malcolm Finseth, Gordon Hendrickson, Clifford and myself had all been home for dinner and decided to play hooky for the rest of the day. Once school was over Gordon, whose conscience was bothering him, went home and told his mother. She didn't hear too well and thought he said we had "played Hockey". She was amazed that we could do that in June.

We owe a tremendous thanks to those teachers who supervised the ball games and other recess activities and acted as mother, nurse, counsellor, handyman, umpire, and still managed to teach the three R's.

Memories

(by Paul Voegtlin)

"Twilight is stealing over the sea . . ." – the opening line of a song with which we closed every school day in Grade 4 or 5, is part of the happy memories of school days from 1926-1937. Our selective memory may have been tempered over the passage of time; hopefully we have been able to forget that which was difficult or threatening. I know there were hours of drill on the multiplication tables, the ABC's, the spelling lists, the memory work, but they do not come back to mind nearly as readily as the spelling bees, the geography matches, the impromptu games that we thought up.

I do remember the first few days of school when I was overwhelmed by the many strange children and especially the big boys who scared me stiff. I remember well the 4 or 5 years when I hated to bat and strike out in baseball, because everybody had to play so we could have 2 teams. Fortunately that changed somewhat when I was one of the "big" boys. Do you remember the forbidden attic in the two story school? Did you ever try to toast your bread over the live coals in the basement furnace room? You probably forgot that the smell of toasting bread went up the heat ducts and brought an irate teacher down to the basement. Can you recall those days in the thirties when you tried to change your pork chop sandwich for Jackie Lerbekmo's balogna and "bought bread" delight? Then there were those wonderful days of December when everything revolved around the Christmas Concert. For a period of several weeks, regular classroom study was almost forgotten in the rush to learn our parts for the Christmas Concert. Ah! the night when we could perform for our proud parents; the sleigh ride in the starlit night, the frantic costume changes in the little curtained rooms, the fear, the pride, the performance, the applause, and the bag of nuts and candy with a 'Jap' orange. Later in the year there was the preparation for the Music Festival in Camrose. Magda Hendrickson's dedicated direction of the school chorus that often paid off in a first place finish for Anderson School. George Hendrickson's yearly truckload of students enjoying the ride to Camrose – wonderful days!

If memory serves me correctly, Loolah Lerbekmo was my teacher for five years. Many of the values which I today hold were either received from her or reinforced by her. The passages of poetry that she insisted we learn have stayed with me throughout my life. The 15 minutes of story time which followed each noon hour gave us stories such as "Whitefang", "Quo Vadis", and one about Fort Chimo. Her insistence on order and regimentation was in part responsible for an uncomfortable final class period on a hot spring day. Leonard Stauffer and I were seated together in one of those double desks that had a curved, hardwood seat about four feet long. During recess the high school girls instigated, at least I think they instigated, a water fight with the boys. We didn't have water pistols, weren't familiar with water balloons, didn't even have much water, but we used cups, dinner pails, etc. to the best advantage. It was quite fair until the recess bell rang. Mrs.

Lerbekmo looked out the upstairs window and ...

“Class lineup”

“Class march! Left, right, left” – into the school, up the steps, into the room, beside your desk – “Class halt. Attention. Class be seated”. Oh! Oh! Those girls had sneaked in and poured water all along that hardwood seat. Leonard and I sat in it. Leonard and I absorbed it. Leonard and I didn’t “squeal” on those girls. Was it chivalry that kept our mouths sealed? Was it the comradery of many years of schooling? Was it fear of the teacher?

I am deeply grateful for the happy years of schooling that I enjoyed. I thank God for the teachers who dedicated themselves to moulding character. Thank you to the Bardo community for building such a strong community spirit.

Other Memories

(submitted by Paul Burkholder)

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Memories also include the ski scaffold, the skating rink (flooded by hand from a well dug by the creek). The frozen ink bottles with corks that released under pressure from sitting on the register. Willard tried his first chew of tobacco and has been clean ever since. Then who can forget swimming in Hendrickson’s dam, catching gophers, and of course, the generosity of some of the teachers that bought Christmas presents for all the students.

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Memories

(by Beatrice Mosby)

One rainy summer day when the road was under construction, the bridge by the Anderson school was out. There had been an over abundance of rain. In order to get to a Ladies Aid Meeting

north of the creek all the ladies from the south side came together on a flat-rack covered with a big tarp and pulled by Charles Rude’s tractor. The saying, “Where there’s a will, there’s a way” still holds true!



Ladies' Aid Group 1964. Ladies from the south coming to Mosby's for a meeting. Bridge was out due to road construction. Charles Rude's tractor and flatrack with tarp.

Memories

(by Florence King (Roth))

The Bardo book of memories would be full, if the old white two storey school with 1910 circling the gable would be standing, and would be able to tell tales. The school was officially called Anderson School, located just in front of the now Bardo Community Centre. That’s where most of my education comes from. I can still picture it with a fire escape leading down from the south storey window. A flag pole graced the entrance leading to the school. To the side of the school was a double set of swings. No, we weren’t satisfied until the swings flew high into the sky, jerking down on the comeback. Up, up and away, not only on the swings, but also a favourite pastime was tossing people up in a blanket. I can remember soaring to the second floor window and being caught in the blanket with no injuries (I’m sure the guardian angels had something to do with that.) Who needed a trampoline? We made do with a blanket and four big strong boys on the corners. 1,2,3 and away we flew!

Music was an important aspect of school life. I have fond memories of singing duets with Ila Moen and trios with Ila and Muriel Finseth for

festivals and school concerts. Sometimes we walked up to Magda Hendrickson to practice. I'd stay with Doris Hendrickson overnight sometimes (that is, when I didn't get homesick before the night came, and troop the two miles home before dark).

I had a habit of bringing overnight school friends home without getting permission first. A comment my brother George made was, "Who's Florence dragging home now?"

Track and Field was an important thing to do at Bardo. Running races, broad jumping and skating were favourite sport activities. I earned the name of 'Spider' because my legs could carry me so fast.

Over and above all the memories, I appreciate the Christian emphasis and high academic standards our school had. Even after all these years, I have a certain amount of pride in saying, "I grew up in the Bardo Community."

P.S. I'm still not sure who put the baby bird in my shoe????

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Muriel Finseth, Wynne Rude. Pumping water to flood rink at the Anderson School.

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From Norway to Alberta

(as told by Harold Monrad Johnson, 1991)

(submitted by Mrs. Henry Simonson)

In 1900, Father left Norway to settle in Alberta, in order to make a new home for his family. So, in 1901, Mother, sister Astrid, six years old, and myself, Harold, seven years old, along with a party of twenty one relatives and friends, taking many wooden trunks full of dried food, sheepskin robes and clothes, a hand sewing machine, dishes, spinning wheel, etc., all moved by wagons pulled by horses to the seaport in Norway.

We crossed the English Channel by ferry boat, to Hull in England. Then, we went by train to Liverpool. There we boarded a steamship for Canada, and a great new life. The ocean voyage took thirteen days, and was very difficult for some people, with seasickness so prevalent. However, with feet on dry land again, all soon recovered.

We arrived in Halifax, July 22, 1901, on my seventh birthday. The train trip to Alberta took nearly a week. The trains were rough, uncomfortable, and pulled by noisy steam engines. The scenery across Canada was beautiful, from wooded valleys to open prairies. Many stops were made for filling water tanks and coal bins. Children had a chance to get out to run and play.

After finally arriving in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, we travelled fifty miles by wagon and horses to Bardo. The Canadian horses were bigger than the Norwegian horses, but that was good as the roads were just muddy trails over the prairie. Those were the rainy years. With so much flooding and washed-out bridges, travelling was no pleasure. The weary travellers camped out or stayed at homesteads along the way.

At last, in the district of Bardo, we stayed with an uncle until moving into a log house on father's homestead.

A few years later a move was made into the village of Kingman. The first school I attended was made of logs, one room, with all grades and

one teacher. I could not speak English, but soon learned the language. There was no time for frivolities, only the important subjects of reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography, and history. We learned well and quickly. I stayed in school for seven years, then had to go to work.

In 1915, I took the train to Northern Alberta as far as it went, then walked a hundred miles, carrying all my supplies, to a new district, thirty miles north west of Grande Prairie. This area was being settled by Norwegians. There, I farmed until I retired thirty years ago.

I am now 97 years old and am living in the Okanagan.

Bardo Memories

(by Willard Burkholder)

School days in Bardo had many and varied experiences, some of which Willard decided to share with our readers.

Harold and Raymond Sutton were sent home from school one day because of a smelly incident. They saw a skunk go into a culvert and decided to see what would happen if they poked it. They got a long stick and did just that. The skunk, of course, retaliated. Releasing its "fragrance" on the boys did not meet with the approval of the Teacher.

Olaf Johanson got sick one winter day at school, so Jack Lerbekmo and Willard took Burkholder's horse and cutter and ambulated him home.

One day, the High School students asked the lower grades if they would like to play a new game called, "Hooky". It was winter, so they went east along the Amisk Creek. The younger children wondered when the game would begin. Well, it started at noon and ended at recess. The teacher, Loolah Lerbekmo, was the final Judge as to who won the game. The lower grades were glad that they were not the High School students as new rules were implemented!

The stick shift was invented in horse and buggy days. Old Lotty didn't have too much speed so each of the Voegtlines had a willow stick and helped old Lotty shift gears. Ha!

When the first airplanes flew over the school, the whole class got to run out and watch them.

One young man said that sometimes he would have to change his prayer at night depending on the happenings of the day. His usual prayer started, "Now I lay me down to sleep...". This was changed to "Now I stand me up to sleep...". His story was, that what made a good boy, was one that was well reared!

Sadness for the Anderson students was caused by the deaths of two fellow playmates, Harold Moen and Raymond Sutton. Raymond shot himself in the wrist with an arrow put into a sling shot. This gave him blood poisoning. The school was closed, and all the students were taken in the back of a truck to the funeral held at his Grandparents, the Henry Suttons. Mr. Milo Stutzman held the service.

An Open Letter to Gladys (Ness) Severson (submitted by: Marget (Johanson) Christopherson)

I would like to publicly thank Gladys (Ness) Severson. She instilled confidence in her pupils and was a kind and gentle teacher. She made us want to learn, and she taught us how to study. There were no fear tactics, no ruler across our knuckles, no pulling of the ears, only gentle words of encouragement. I will always be grateful because she cared enough about her pupils to treat them as humans.

A Tribute to My Mother, Julie Johanson (Composed by Inge Johanson) (submitted by: The Johanson family)

Our mother has moved to the Realms above
It wasn't for want of care or love,
The Lord was in need of a lustrous gem
To set 'mongst the stars to beautify them.

Have you taken a look at the Milky Way
In evening after a trying day?
Have you noticed a star that seemed more
bright
A star that shines with a pearly light?

I like to think that our mother is there
That she has climbed the golden stair,
That she now sits in that golden chair
Reserving a place for all of us there.

Julie Johanson.



The Coffee Pot Story

(submitted by: Marget (Johanson) Christopherson)

When I was 8 years old, my mother sent me to Martha Hagen's to borrow a coffee pot. We needed a big coffee pot because we were expecting threshers. It was common knowledge that Mrs. Hagen could not understand a word of English, so mother taught me how to say "May I borrow the big coffee pot" in Norwegian. It was a mile across the field to the Hagen place, and all the way I repeated the Norwegian words Mom had taught me. When I arrived at Hagens, I tried to remember how to ask for the coffee pot in Norwegian. I made several attempts to make her understand, but I could not remember what to say. Finally, after a few minutes, she said in very plain English, "Do you want to borrow the coffee pot?"

The Hair Cut

(submitted by: Marget (Johanson) Christopherson)

My father was going to British Columbia to work for the summer. Before he left, he hired Charlie Allenby to help seed the fields and do the harvesting. Charlie had a car and offered to take the family to Gods Lake in northern Alberta. It was a beautiful lake, north of Edmonton and west of Fort McMurray. It had huge pine trees that formed a cathedral to the lake, he assured mother. After the seeding was finished, Mother, Olive, Gladys, Olaf, Magda, Elene and Charlie were packed and headed for two weeks at the lake. Mary and I stayed home to feed and milk cows and look after the house. Agnes Haukadal was unaware that Olive had gone away and had arrived for her weekly hair cut and set. Mary had never cut or set hair for anyone, not even for herself – after all she was only 15 years old. Agnes graciously asked Mary if she would like to cut and set her hair and Mary agreed to do the deed. She struggled with the hair and had great difficulty getting the hair to stay put. After the beauty treatment, Agnes thanked Mary and walked away looking like a freshly blown straw stack with hair sticking up in every direction.

Inge Taught Charlie a Norwegian Greeting

(submitted by: Marget (Johanson) Christopherson)

An English fellow by the name of Charlie Allenby came to work for our family.

My brother Inge was a bit of a prankster and saw his chance to stir up some trouble. He taught Charlie many Norwegian words and sayings because there were many people in the community that could not speak much English. Charlie had mastered a few phrases before going to help one of the ladies in the community. On arriving at the home, he greeted her with what he thought was "Good morning, how are you?" Inge had taught him to say "Gammel klukk høna" – Old cluck hen.

Anecdotes

(by Magda (Johanson) Baglow)

There was a Persian peddler who used to visit the Bardo community several times a year selling everything under the sun. "Charlie the Peddler" used to stay at our home when he came through the district. The children looked forward to his visits because he was a generous and kind-hearted man. He used to jokingly call himself "Crazy Charlie al-ti-hoop".

Elene, Marget and I used to go over to Gunval Nerland's place because he would feed us bread and the most delicious logenberry jam, that he had bought in Tofield.

Evelyn Sutton (now Nelson), Marget and I were sent by our mothers to pick wild strawberries for dessert. We picked for hours, got hungry, and ate all the berries in our pails. We took a couple of berries and smeared them around the inside of the containers, then we went home and said that the pails had tipped and all the berries had fallen on the ground.

When Arnold Johnsons were expecting their first child they wanted one of us girls to stay with Mabel because Arnold was away. I was chosen, and after spending the night there, came down to find breakfast was set on the table for me. Mabel had gone out to milk. There was a bowl with shredded wheat and a banana on the side. This was the first time I had ever had a banana. I wasn't as pleased with the cereal. I was quite incensed that, here I was helping her out, and she fed me "straw" for breakfast! I threw it in the wood stove and burned it up.

When I was small, the song "When I grow too old to dream" was sung often – I always thought they were singing "When I go to Olds to dream".

When we left Bardo on November 22, 1942, Jake King loaded his truck with our belongings, on one of the coldest days of the year, and took them to the train station. Dad was already at the coast working. We (Mom, Marget, Elene and I)

took the CN train through the Rockies to the west coast. Enroute, there was an avalanche that covered the tracks – it took three days for us to get to our destination. When we got off the train at 11:30 p.m. in New Westminster, it was 50 degrees Fahrenheit and the streets were glistening from a recent fall of rain – we thought we'd hit heaven. Dad met us and took us to the Fraser Cafe where he treated us to salmon steaks and fries. Then, I knew we had hit heaven! We were ravenous because the train had run out of food. I've had a love affair with B.C. ever since.

Doreen (Moen) Paul Remembers

My father, Iver Moen, was a very actively involved community person. His responsibilities as a school Trustee often took him on visits to the surrounding schools. Sometimes he would take me with him. He loved to sing and had a strong tenor voice.

My Mother was a talented person in many ways. She could sew any dress if you just gave her the description. She cut the neighbors' hair, cooked and canned, wall-papered the house, etc.

When I was about eleven years old, my Dad told us she was not well and we would have to help her all we could. Apparently, she'd had rheumatic fever as a child and it had left her with an enlarged heart. This was a serious time and I remember we all tried to do all we could to make life easier for her. We were very worried about her. She was never critical of the way we did things and I'm sure we often didn't do things the way she would have preferred it.

My Dad died of complications due to pleurisy and heart problems several years before my Mother died. This left a big gap in her life, as my parents truly had a warm and loving relationship. The farm was no longer home to me after that.

I will never forget the fine neighbors who were such a part of our lives. Ice-skating on a pond by the school was enjoyed largely because our parents came down to flood it and shovel the snow off of it. The church provided most of our social life. We often had parties for the young people. This may have been a sleigh ride, taffy-pull, or scavenger hunt. These were some of the fun times we had.

In the summer, we looked forward to picnics at Hastings Lake, the sports days, going into Tofield and being treated to an ice-cream cone at McFadden's Drug Store. He made many unusual ice-cream flavours, including licorice!

In the fall, we looked forward to a visit from our grandfather, Asbjorn Moen, who would arrive by 'Flyer', a Saturday night train that came from Vancouver across Canada. It stopped just a few minutes to let off passengers. Sometimes we met the train three or four times before he arrived.

I had memorable teachers, Loolah Lerbekmo, and Ralph Richardson to name a couple. There were many others as well who took a personal interest in me and to whom I'm forever grateful. I believe they were very creative and encouraging. I remember my parents usually invited the teacher over for at least one meal during the school year.

Christmas

(by Gladys Severson)

One of the fondest memories that I have is of Christmas. This story will be told as I have seen it through my eyes. Some time before Christmas, we children all gathered around my father and he gave us each some money for our Christmas shopping. The amount we each received was \$1.00. How we studied the T. Eaton Catalogue! There was no 'Wish Book' as we know it today. There were many of us, so we studied the catalogue carefully so that there would be something to wrap for each person.

I can remember finding the page where the handkerchiefs were illustrated. Some were six for twenty-five cents and some five for twenty-five cents. The handkerchiefs were very pretty. The material was of good quality – white – and in one corner there was usually a pretty design or a sprig of flowers.

After much figuring and much looking, the decision was made and the order was sent. Mother often remarked about the generosity of Eatons toward the pioneers. She said they would write, asking if they had any remnants of material available. She said they would receive yards of material in shorter lengths at no cost.

Now, it was to wait for the order to come back from Eatons and then to decide who was to receive each gift. Wrapping was such joy. I think we used just ordinary brown wrapping paper. Christmas wrapping paper was unheard of. Each parcel was small but that did not make each gift less special. What was important was the fact that I had a gift for each member of the family.

I wonder how my mother found the hours for her sewing. I'm sure that most of the hours spent at her sewing machine were after we were all sound asleep for the night. Christmas was the only time

that I remember that each one of us had a new dress. Mother sewed a white flannelette type of vest for us on which the garters were pinned. I can also remember that there was a new set of garters for Christmas and the cosy vest to pin them onto. It was so wonderful! I can never remember wishing for anything more.

Christmas Eve finally came. In the afternoon my Dad would sit down at his desk – not a desk as we know them today. It was about five feet high. You put down the top door and this made a table on which to write. Behind this door were many compartments, each large enough to hold letters. At any rate, this was the time to go through the contents. Any letter or envelopes that were no longer needed he would put in a pile on the floor beside him. When he was finished there was quite a pile. We were delighted. This we shared and we had all the wonderful paper to write and draw on for the next long time. We were so happy. We felt rich!

My Dad would do the chores earlier on Christmas Eve. The cattle got an extra bit of feed because it was Christmas. He would hang a bundle on the fence so the birds, too, would get some extra feed. It would be hung so the heads of grain would be upright making it easier for the birds to get at.

I don't remember what each person was given to do in order to get ready, but I remember two of the jobs that were mine. There would be a bowl of apples on Christmas Eve. I polished those apples until the peelings fairly shone. My other special job was to have the lamps ready. Most of the lamps were the old kerosene lamps with an ordinary wick and a long chimney. The lamps were filled with kerosene or coal oil as it was often called. I washed the soot off the lamp chimneys and then polished them. Newspaper worked very well for drying and polishing them. Christmas Eve was the only night of the year that we could have a light in every room of the house. I wish my words could convey to each of you who read this, the feeling I had.

The coal oil lamps didn't give a very bright light, but a soft glow that spread over the area where the light penetrated. A few times I have received a Christmas card where it pictures an old-fashioned house with a light in each window. That picture brings back wonderful sweet memories to me.

We were all clean and dressed in our best clothes when supper was ready. Everyone sat together at the table. We always prayed our Norwegian table prayer together before we ate. The

first course was rice soup with raisins in it. Mother made wonderful rice soup. I can remember her pouring a bit of cream into it when it was finished cooking. I know there was more food that followed, but to me, my mother's rice soup was the highlight, and this is what I still associate with our Christmas Eve meal.

When the supper was finished it was time to do the dishes. Everything must be washed and put in order. We could hardly stand the wait. Everything seemed to take so long. I'm sure that we who were the smallest would urge the older ones to hurry.

At last, when everything was done we all went into the parlour (today it is called the living room). The Christmas tree stood in one corner – decorated with the candles in the small candle holders that clipped onto the branches. The candles were only lit and burned for a short while. It was very important to watch when they burned so that the fire would not get too close to a branch and ignite it. The gifts were under the tree. I can still see all those tiny packages under the tree.

When we were all gathered together we sang the Christmas songs. Amongst the songs, I guess our favorite was the old Norwegian song, 'Jeg er saa Glad Hver Julekveld' (I am so Glad Each Christmas Eve). I can remember looking at my mother when we sang the verse, 'Nu tender Moder Alle Lys, Saa ingen krok er mørk' (Mother lights the candle, so no corner will be dark). She always had a sad expression and I'm sure she was thinking of the mother she had left in Norway and of the Christmas Eve in her home there. Everytime we sing that verse I think of my own mother and remember those Christmases together.

After we had sung we all sat quietly while my father read the Christmas Story in Norwegian. I will never forget when he prayed and the ending of his prayer. "Hør min sukk – Hear my plea". There was a warm feeling with all the family being together.

Now it was time to distribute the gifts. I don't remember ever thinking that I didn't get enough. I think my special feeling was that I had given gifts to the others. We were together and I was secure and happy. This was Christmas, Jesus' Birthday! Christmas Eve in the Scandinavian tradition was family together at home.

On Christmas Day we went to Church. It was a chance to wish others a Happy Christmas. Usually we were together with relatives for dinner on Christmas day, either at my home or the home of relatives. We travelled by bobsled and horses

so the visiting would not be too many miles from home.

On second day Christmas (we never called it Boxing Day) was the Sunday School program in Church. The date was never questioned. It was always the same. This was a very big event. We had practiced and had spent days and weeks in memorizing our parts for the songs and recitations. We were very nervous. The little ones sometimes got stagefright to the point that it was impossible to face the audience. We were all dressed up in our Christmas clothes and we were a happy and excited lot. The finale was always anticipated when the children all held hands and marched around the Christmas tree while the adults sang the song, *Jeg Er Saa Glad Hver Jule Kveld*.

The Christmas Story was also read near the beginning of the program and at the point where it speaks of the Heavenly Host singing, there was always a pause and either the choir or the whole audience sang 'Aere-Aere' a song of praise to God. Another song that was sung until the last few years was 'Best av Alle Gaver' (The Best of All Gifts is Jesus, the Son of God). The Sunday School children were given a bag of candy and nuts at the end of the program. I always grew up feeling that the real Christmas lasted for three days: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Second Christmas Day.

We were mainly a farming community who relied on a mixed farming operation which meant that we did not take holidays away from home. There were cows, calves, pigs and chickens which needed daily attention, so any activities had to fit in between the farm chores.

The school Christmas concert also played a very big role in the lives of the children. I remember the hours spent in preparation. The teacher would choose the items for the program and would also choose those who would take the various parts. There were songs to learn, recitations, dialogues, pantomimes and drills. I believe we got excellent training in preparing for these programs. Every word must be memorized. There were no cue cards the night of the concert. When we had memorized our parts, the practicing began. At first we did not take much of the regular school hours for practicing, probably just after the last recess until closing. We were usually willing to give our noon hour for practicing, too, unless the outdoor games proved too inviting and exciting. The last weeks more and more time was taken for practicing. Every word must be heard, spoken clearly and not too quickly. Costumes were

made by the mothers in the community. The drills were done to music. Usually a gramophone was borrowed and a record supplied the music. A drill was done by marching in set patterns. The costumes were often quite elaborate, often made from crepe paper. Garlands, or wands with stars, were often carried in the hands of those participating.

A few days before the evening concert, the fathers came and put up a stage for the program, so even the smallest child could be seen. The men sometimes borrowed planks from the lumber yard so the stage was strong and didn't creek very much. Then there were curtains needed. Some of the schools did have curtains for the front of the stage, but often parents would loan sheets that were used as curtains. It was a great honor to be chosen to draw the curtains between the performances.

The attendance was excellent. Usually the room was packed to the back, where there was standing room only. When the program was ended, gifts were distributed and again each child received a bag of candy and nuts. The bags did not contain much but oh, they were so exciting and wonderful. Quite often one of the daddies came in, dressed as Santa, to help with the gift distribution.

One year at the Grand Forks Christmas Concert, Lester was chosen to be Santa. He greeted the audience, the children especially, when he came in. Patty was probably 3 or 4 years of age. She recognized the voice and in a very audible voice, she piped up, "That's my daddy inside there." This brought a good chuckle from the audience.

Everyone came by bobsleigh or cutters pulled by horses. The horses were covered with horse blankets to keep away the cold as they stood and waited to start out on the homeward trek. The day after the concert was spent dismantling and sorting to get everything back to its rightful owner. The men would come and dismantle the stage and return the planks if they had been borrowed. Usually the concert was set so when this was done, it was the beginning of the Christmas holidays. I believe these Christmas concerts were not only entertaining but gave the children excellent training in many ways.

The country schools are gone and the country school Christmas concerts are a thing of the past. It has been good to share these memories.

Christmas is still the Celebration of the Birthday of Jesus our Saviour. Customs have changed and some of the old traditions are no longer observed, but the Spirit of Christmas is the same.

Some of the Memories of My Childhood and School Days

by Leif Foshaug

I remember one thing that took place at school that was very humorous. One of the boys got permission to go to the library, which was at the back of the schoolroom, to get a book. On his way there he picked up a small rock that was lying on the windowsill. As he returned to his desk he dropped the rock down the back of the neck of one of the girls in the class. The rock, being cold, and the girl, not knowing what it was, caused her to let out a terrible scream. The teacher came running to see what was wrong. When the teacher found out, she and the class had a good laugh. However, a while later the girl who had received the rock treatment, went back to the library and took the biggest book she could find. Bringing it back with her, she stopped behind the boy who had dropped the rock down her back and KA-BOOM, the book came down on the boy's head. So another good laugh was had by all.

In the spring of the year, when the creek started to run, the teacher and the students would walk or run along the creek and would try to jump across to see who could jump the farthest. On one such occasion the teacher made a jump and landed on the far bank. However, she lost her balance and fell back into the creek. The students thought this was very funny, and the teacher, being a good sport, laughed as well. Lucky for her, she was boarding at a place about a quarter of a mile away, so she ran home and put on a dry set of clothes before returning to school.

Living in a sport minded district, the boys and girls, along with the teachers, would spend the noon and their other free time playing baseball.

On Saturdays some of the boys would bring their saddle horses to the Foshaug farm where there was a large pasture. There they would have some good horse races and they must have been very lucky because there were lots of gopher and badger holes where they raced but they did not have any spills.

I remember that Talbert Ronning worked for Tom Rorem during the threshing and he hauled grain with horses and wagon to the Bardo elevator. I used to ride along with him, and not being very old at the time, I thought it was lots of fun even though it was slow and rough.

Christmas in the Catalogue

by Esther (Ness) Brekkan

"Just looking, thank you. Trying to decide what to give my three grandchildren for Christmas."

Randi walked up and down the aisles in the toy section of the large department store. Each year seemed to bring a greater assortment of things, with escalating prices.

"My feet are tired. I'll go and have a cup of coffee. Perhaps after that I'll be able to decide what to buy."

But over the cup of coffee, Randi's thoughts turned backward. Back to the years on the farm. There had been no department stores to shop in. Only Eaton's catalogue.

As she gazed into the distance over her coffee, she saw nothing. But her mind was busy remembering. . . .

It was a cold November evening. The family had just finished supper. Papa took out his shabby wallet and gave each of the nine children a dollar for Christmas shopping.

Randi clutched her bill tightly, ran to get the Eaton's catalogue, and hurried upstairs. The worn wooden steps creaked under her feet. In her room, on the dresser, stood a small coal-oil lamp. Carefully she smoothed the crumpled dollar bill, opened the dresser drawer, and laid her fortune on top of a small pile of clothes. She sat down on the bed. Taking the catalogue, she began to thumb through the tattered pages.

"Mama warned us to be careful with the old one till she gets a new one. Good thing Eaton's will give us a second one."

She turned to women's handkerchiefs. "I'd like to give my sisters something more than hankies, but I just don't see how I can manage anything bigger. Here are seven for 39 cents. Fine cotton handkerchiefs with embroidered floral design in one corner. That sounds nice; takes care of my seven sisters. . . . Where's that old scribbler? I'll write on the back of it. Thirty-nine cents. Next something for Papa and Brother Jim. 'Fraid I'll have to stick to hankies for them too."

She looked them over. "The white ones are too expensive. Guess I'll have to settle for red polka dots. Two for 19 cents. Just the right price! Add 39 and 19 . . . 58 cents already."

Slowly she turned the pages. "Whatever shall I give Mama? She works so hard to get everything ready for Christmas, she deserves something special. But what'll THAT be? Maybe a candy

dish, or . . . what about a new comb for the French roll she wears in her hair!"

Quickly she turned the pages. "'Brown celluloid Comb with brilliant stones set along the edge - 29 cents.' Perfect! I noticed that one of the tines in Mama's comb was broken. And brilliant stones! People will think she's got diamonds in it. Hooray for Mama! Add 58 to 29 . . . 87 cents."

Randi sighed with relief. She'd make it this year too.

"Now a few cards for the kids in my Sunday School class."

Again the pages rustled. "I'd like to get the kind with glistening snow on them, but they're too expensive. Here's some with people riding in a bobsled - just like our family when we go to the school Christmas concert. Six for 8 cents . . . 8 and 87. Makes 95 cents. Five cents to splash with! Hey! I'll buy candy. RIBBON CANDY! The kind at the Farmers' Store! That you pick out of a barrel! Peppermint flavor with stripes running down the sides. Mmmmmmm."

Randi came to with a start. "My gracious! I've been dreaming the time away. I came to shop for my grandchildren."

She hurried back to the toy section, walking up and down the aisles. From the maze of wonderful things, she finally made her selection. The bill came to \$57.50.

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Reminiscence by Evelyn (Lawson) Stauffer

I remember: the thrill of hearing the Bardo Lutheran Church bells ring on a quiet Christmas Eve from where we lived on SE 1/4-S.9-50-19-W4, a distance of five miles by road; the excitement of having a new pair of sockies and maybe a new print dress for the Ketchamoot picnic held on the Wm. Sears farm; of getting a nickle or dime for an afternoon treat and our Dad buying us all a delicious chicken supper; walking to the Bardo picnic held at Finseth's, kitty-corner to the present Bardo Centre, to hear the Bardo Male Chorus Program held in the early evening; my school days in Bardo where I took grade nine, ten and part of eleven, and staying at Rorem's, where I worked for my board and keep. I met a lot of nice people who were instrumental in helping me mature. I also remember the good times together in Luther League, skating at Dutch Park, and getting there

by team and sleigh and having lots of fun and laughter. I never did learn to skate.

I have memories of attending the Lutefisk Suppers and Ladies' Aid Sales of homemade quilts, socks, and mitts, and crocheting and helping in the kitchen washing and drying all those dishes with Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Finseth, Mrs. Eggen and others I cannot recall.

I remember the time four of us went duck hunting and I was the only one to bag a duck - this is for real. I often thought I inherited my father's trigger finger and that poor duck was proof!

Memories

by Lucille (Hanson) Schultz

It is with fond memories that I look back to the years of 1946 and 1947 when I taught Daily Vacation Bible School in the Bardo Lutheran Church. Reverend Gustav Ostrem was Pastor at that time.

I had pupils ranging from five years old to sixteen years old. We met for a two week term. Tha basement of the Church was our classroom, except for our singing time upstairs, using the piano.



Daily Vacation Bible School at Bardo Lutheran Church, 1946 or 1947.

School began at 9:00 AM with a 15 minute recess in the morning. One hour at noon when we ate lunches and another 15 minute recess in the afternoon made up our day. School was dismissed at 3:00PM.

I can remember the fun we had playing “run-sheep-run” and other games during the noon hour. As the church was in the country, we had a lot of space.

Our studies took us from creation through to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, showing clearly the plan of salvation. In this lesson material were pictures to color and crafts to make. This lesson plan had been made out by Lillian Loken, at that time from the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute at Outlook, Saskatchewan.

Each child, from the youngest to the oldest, made their own lesson book. There was a story hour and a time to learn about missions.

On the final Friday evening of school, the children and their teacher put on a program for the parents and Congregation. A display of work was laid out for Moms and Dads to see what their children had done. We had an evening of lunch and fellowship

I owe a special thanks for the families of Bardo Congregation who supported me in prayer, meals and a place to stay. I remember so well the C.J. Rude home and my first time enjoying the luxury of a feather bed. I cherish Irene (Rude) Strand's friendship and care.



Lucille (Hanson) Schultz, Irene (Rude) Strand, C.J. Rude, Mrs. C.J. Rude.

This and That

by Betsy (Ness) Scott

We, the Ness children, loved music. Over the many years when we met for family gatherings we sang and sang. My first recollection of part singing was of haying trips with my father when we were very young. On the top of the hayload on the way home we children would sing the tune and our father would harmonize. WHAT FUN!!!

In 1969 at the 75th anniversary of the Bardo Community the Ness children (adults then) were asked to sing. Muriel wrote the song and Ingvald, Esther, Gladys, Muriel, Sylvia and Betsy sang it.

Kan du glemme gamle Bardo
Det var her hvor vi var født
Her var snille mor og sterke far
Barndom hyggelig og godt.

In 1894 from Norway
Brave young men and maidens fair
Came to Bardo in Alberta
To build a brave new homeland there.

Sisters, Brothers followed one by one
To join the plucky little band
Strong and young they faced the wilderness
They loved and labored hand in hand.

There they tamed the prairie wilderness
There they turned the prairie sod
Sons and daughters of the midnight sun
With eager hearts and faith in God.

Men and maids who bravely lived and died
Rich in years and richly blest
Remember here the Bardo Pioneers
In their own dear churchyard laid to rest.

Tune: Kan du glemme gamle Norge

Translation of verse 1:
Ne'er can I forget dear Bardo
That's the place where we were born
Mother dear, supportive father
Childhood comfortable and good.

Mr. M.B. Ness (my father) and Mr. Lerbekmo often took fishing trips together. In Beaverhill Lake there were suckers, in Hastings Lake there were jackfish. On one trip to Hastings Lake they got 300 fish. Always, when they arrived home (regardless of the time of day or night) they would cook a kettle of fresh fish and have a hearty meal.

Travelling – 1901 and 1902

by Betsy (Ness) Scott

This is a short summary of some of the travel experiences of my father and mother. (Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness – Mattis and Inga Ness)

On March 13, 1901 Mattis Indal Bertelson Ness, Inga Gurine Iversdatter, Johanne Iverson Foshaug and Anne Jacobsdatter from Sørreisa (she later became Mrs. Magnus Foshaug, South Junction, Manitoba) left beautiful Norway for an unknown future in a new country. They left Norway on the boat "Tasso" of the Allan Line and crossed the North Sea to Hull, England. The North Sea crossing in this area is so rough that many years later when Johannes returned to Norway to bring his wife back to America, she became so sick on the North Sea that they returned to Norway and never tried the trip again. The four emigrants took the train from Hull to Liverpool, England where they boarded the boat "Tunesia". After nine days crossing the Atlantic they docked at St. John, New Brunswick, where they all took the train. My father, Mattis Ness, left the others at Sudbury, Ontario and took another train to Minneapolis, Minnesota. He went to stay with his sister, Marta Sundlie. Berteus Ness was already in Minneapolis and Nils Mathison was six hours by train out from Minneapolis.

The others continued on to Winnipeg where they were met by mother's brother, Magnus Foshaug. They went to the immigration station first and then mother stayed at Svea Hotel. Mother worked in Winnipeg for a while and then went to Minneapolis where she and dad were married November 11, 1901.

In Minnesota they heard glowing reports of almost free homesteads in Western Canada. On April 1, 1902 Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness left Minneapolis to take a homestead in the North West Territory that became Alberta in 1905. The immigrant train crossed the border from U.S., proceeded to Calgary and on to Wetaskiwin (Hills of Peace in Cree). The railroad extended to South Edmonton (Strathcona) at that time.

Johannes Foshaug had already located in Bardo, Alberta and he met them in Wetaskiwin with a wagon without a spring seat and a pair of horses (one horse was borrowed from Moens and one from Finseth). They drove over dusty trails and across Bittern Lake, where thousands of ducks were sitting in the water and some on top of the ice. There was hardly any sleighing that winter since there was so little snow.

The first night they slept at Thor Grue near

Skandia Church. The Grues lived on the old Indian trail where immigrants often travelled. In those early years people often slept on the floor but mother and dad had a bed at Grues. Their stockings and shoes were very wet so they tried to dry the stockings in the bed. The next morning the Grues gave them breakfast but accepted no pay for their hospitality.

The second day they drove to Asbjorn Moen's homestead in Bardo where they stayed until November 1902. Mrs. Gunhild Moen was Mrs. Ness' sister. The three oldest Moen children were born in Norway (Iver, Ingolf and Borghild). The Moen home was a one room log cabin with a sod roof. It had a wood stove and very simple furnishings.

In the wagon were mother and dad's earthly possessions, essential furnishings for their new home (a second-hand stove that cost \$5.00 in Minneapolis, a new bed that cost \$2.50, a bed spring, ticking which was to be filled with straw or hay to serve as a mattress, a sewing machine, bedding, dishes, utensils, clothing and \$170.00 cash).

In the spring Mr. Ness found a suitable quarter of land for his homestead. The filing office was in Wetaskiwin and on May 28, 1902 he filed on his homestead – SE 1/4 of Sec. 24, Township 49, Range 19, West of the 4th Meridian. The filing fee was \$10.00 For a large family this has been HOME.

Baby George Moen was born on the Moen homestead. George and Mrs. Moen were both sick. Mr. Moen took them to Wetaskiwin to a doctor and it was on this trip that Mr. Ness got to ride with them to file on his homestead. The wagon had a single wagon box and Mrs. Moen, with baby George in her arms, sat on a high box just back of the wagon seat.

The spring of 1902 had much rain. Roads were often trails of soft mud and water and bridges were gone or left in poor condition. From Bardo they drove west to Fletchers to cross Amisk Creek. The stream was wide and swift and water came up to the wagon box. In mid-stream one horse stepped into a hole, fell down and was unable to get up on his feet. The men got out, carried mother and baby to shore, hurriedly unhitched the horses, tied a rope to the tongue of the wagon and pulled it out of the stream.

There were detours around sloughs and creeks. Next came Stony Creek near Grue's place at Skandia. The stream was so swollen that the supports under the bridge were gone but the ends

were fastened. A high improvised bridge, made with a couple of planks, had been laid across the creek farther down stream for walking across. Mr. Ness carried the baby across on this bridge. Mrs. Moen followed and Mr. Moen drove the team over the swaying bridge.

Next came Pipestone Creek nine miles from Wetaskiwin. The creek was high, too deep to drive across, and the banks were one quarter of a mile apart. A raft took the horses across and then came back for the wagon and the people. Finally they reached Wetaskiwin.

They returned to Bardo via Round Hill where the ground was higher. When they reached the slough east of Lerbekmos after dark, Mr. Ness waded waist deep in water ahead of the horses in order to make certain that they would not step off the road.

When they got to Moen's farm, the raft was on the other side of the creek. Mr. Moen rode one of the horses over and brought the raft back. A difficult and trying trip finally came to an end. The Doctor had been consulted and the homestead had been registered.

A Bit of Humor

When Chester Ronning (former Diplomat) was told that the old Bardo School, which he had attended, was being used as a pig house, he smiled and said, "You mean I'm not a 'Big Shot'. I'm only a 'Pig Shot'?"

A neighbor pointed to two holes in the door frame of the school. It seems one night an irate father had come to the school because his son had been 'kept in'. After shooting through the door frame, he advised the teacher "to let his Johnnie out-or-else!" However, the teacher won. Father went home and 'Johnnie' put in his required time!

A Smelly Business

For a bad cough, onion poultices were prepared and fastened around the throat of the cough-er or laid on the pillow beside the person suffering with a cold or bronchitis. There were two methods of preparing the poultice. Some people cut up the

onion and lightly fried it. Others just cut it up fine so it was juicy. Then the cut up onion was placed on a soft cloth and placed where the fumes could best penetrate the breathing system. The purpose was to breathe in the fumes which did help to loosen the cough and even stopped the coughing so everyone could have a good night's sleep. The smell wasn't so good, but the end result was appreciated.

“Uff Da” What Does it Mean?”

“Uff da” is not in the dictionary, but for Norwegians, it is an all-purpose expression covering a variety of situations such as:

Uff da – is – arriving late at a lutefisk supper and getting served minced ham instead.

Uff da – is – noticing non-Norwegians at a lutefisk supper using lefse for a napkin.

Uff da – is – looking in the mirror and discovering you're not getting better, you're just getting older.

Uff da – is – walking downtown and then wondering what you wanted.

Uff da – is – having a mouse crawl up your leg when you're on a hay load.

Uff da – is – getting swished in the face with a cow's wet tail.

Uff da – is – sneezing so hard that your false teeth end up on the bread

plate. Uff da – is – forgetting your mother-in-law's first name.

Uff da – is – losing your wad of gum in the chicken yard.

Uff da – is – spending two hours cleaning up your room and your mother says, “Uff da”.

Uff da – is – eating hot soup when you've got a runny nose.

Uff da – is – waking yourself up in church with your own snoring.

Uff da – is – not being Norwegian. “Uff da!”

The Lerbekmo Place

by **Peter O. Lerbekmo**

Here we frolicked and played
Through the childhood years,
Where laughter was heard
And some shedding of tears.
Here Father and Mother
Took care of our needs
And taught us to live
By the Christian creeds.
Here we found happiness
And here we found sorrows
But heartaches were eased
By the coming of morrows.
Here we rambled and gambled
In groups and alone
Till time came for us
To depart on our own.
Now only a memory,
Nothing there but the barn
Where stood this our early
Alberta pioneer farm.

The Haugen Place

by **Peter O. Lerbekmo**

Cold and empty now I stand
And long I've been upon this land
Haugen was my given name
A warm and cozy cherished home.

The Eggen Place

by **Peter O. Lerbekmo**

Many years have now gone by
Since I was cozy, warm and dry
Eggen was the name I bore
Always here a welcome door.

Crocus Time

by **Esther G. Brekkan**

They say
That George's hill
Is turning purple
With the crocus blooms.

Do you remember
How I'd beg you, in the spring,
To take me there?

The wind was blowing cold –
That mattered not,
For crocus blooms were dressed
In wooly cloaks.

I'd run along the hillside,
Laughing as I gathered
April's first bright hope of spring,
Fill my arms,
And sometimes, too, your cap.

Then quickly home again
With Nature's lavish gift.

For two long years you have been gone;
I've not been back to George's hill
Since then.

I wonder –
Do you wait for me Up there,
So you can take me with you
To gather crocus blossoms fair?

(P.S. – George's hill is the George Roth hill.) came into being in the late 1960's, early 1970's. What a great improvement to life on the farm!



The "Lerbekmo Homestead".



Halvor Haugen house, taken a few years ago.



Grandma Eggen's little house.

Anniversaries



Herman and Grace Lawson – Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, 1978.



Robert and Lillian Berrecloth, Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary – April 22, 1991.



Johannes Johnson family – Golden Wedding. Back Row: Inga and Hilmar, John and Maria, Rudolph and Kate. Front Row: Sigurd and Inga, Johannes and Ingrid, Huldah, Peter.



Myrtle and Peter Bjornson – Fifty-ninth Wedding Anniversary.



Mr. and Mrs. Hills' Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary – August 15, 1928. Pete, Loolah and Jack Lerbekmo, Harvey, Uarda and Vira Brenneman, dog "Bob".



Jacob and Marie Boness – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, celebrated at Bardo in 1952.



Charles and Clara Whillans – Golden Wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen.



Chris and Bertha Rude – Golden Wedding, 1941.



Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness – Golden Wedding, 1952.



Ingebrigt and Karen Forseth's Golden Wedding, 1936. Children and grandchildren, at their farm in the Buffalo Lakes area, up north.



Helmer, Gunhild and complete family – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.



Sigurd and Inga (Johnson) Haugland.



Jim and Verena Dunki – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, 1979.



Kate and Rudolph Johnson – Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, 1977.



Hans and Mabel Krogen, – Golden Wedding Anniversary, 1979.



Pete and Loolah Lerbekmo – Golden Wedding, 1967.
Harvey Brenneman, Peter and Loolah, Uarda Brenneman.



Axel and Nita Kindley's Golden Wedding. December 20, 1923-1973.



Albert and Myrtle Sutton – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.



Clarence and Borghild Rude – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, June 1, 1982.



Roy and Dorothy Whillans and son, Jerald, Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary held at Kingman, Alberta, 1988.



Rudy and Alice (Matson) Klein, Golden Wedding – July 14, 1990. Children and grandchildren.



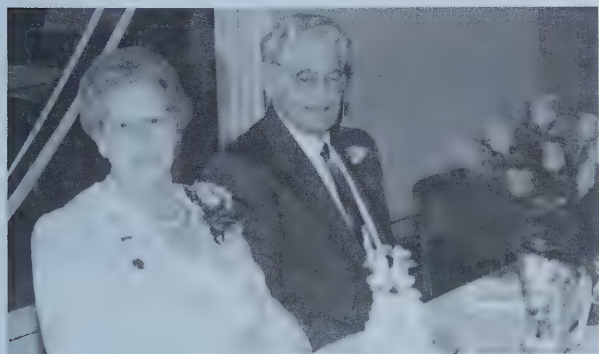
Golden Wedding, 1991. Marion, Delia and Herman Swanson, Jane.



Bob and Agnes Burt – Golden Wedding, 1937.



Leonard and Evelyn Stauffer, 1991 – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.



Evelyn and Leif Foshaug – Golden Wedding – August 16, 1990.



Olaf and Nora (Rude) Anderson – Twenty-fifth Anniversary, July 2, 1962.



Bennie and Anne Anderson – Silver Wedding Anniversary. Magda Hendrickson, Mabel Walker, Anne, Bennie, Olaf Anderson, George Hendrickson, Bernice Johnson (flower girl).



Lester and Gladys Severson – Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, 1965.



Fred and Esther (Matson) Swanlund – Silver Wedding.



Andy and Bernice Heiberg – Silver Wedding.



George and Magda Hendrickson – Forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, June 25, 1967.



Monrad and Alice Finseth, 1966 – Forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary. LeRoy, Alice, Joanne, Malcolm, Monrad.



Kay and Carl Smith – 40th Wedding Anniversary.



Emil and Hildur Rude – Fortieth Wedding Anniversary; December, 1964.



Mary and LeRoy Finseth – Fortieth Wedding Anniversary, 1990. Alice Finseth.



Harold and Roma Simonson – Fortieth Wedding Anniversary.



Lars and Alma Foshaug family – November 2, 1930.



Louise and Lauritz Eide's 25th Wedding Anniversary – June 16, 1946.

Birthdays



Mrs. Alice Rorem – 100th birthday. Nora Olson (daughter) and Government official presenting a silver tray.



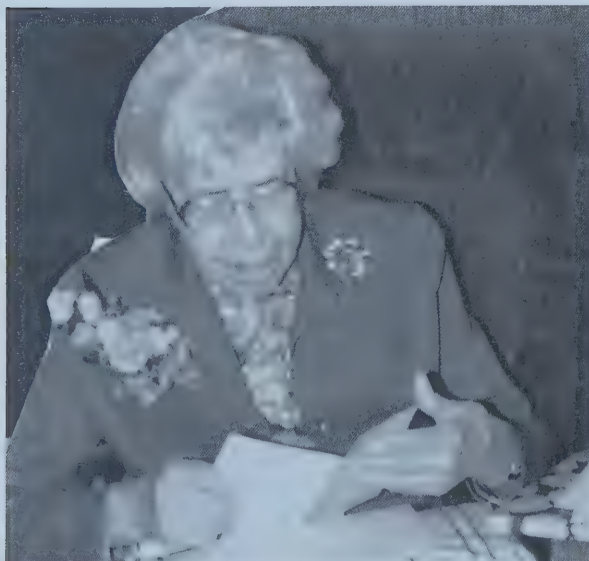
Loolah Lerbekmo, and son Jack, on her 100th birthday – September 7, 1989.



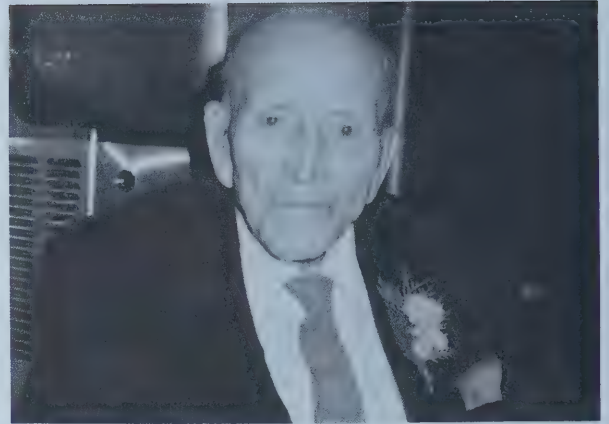
Ingward Haugseth on his 99th birthday – February 18, 1986, at Grande Prairie.



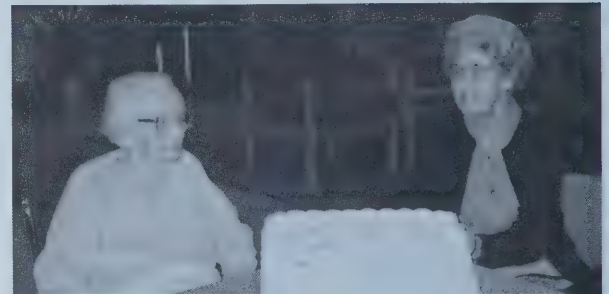
Harold Johnson, 1993. 99 years old.



Adelia (Rorem) Anderson, 98th birthday, November 4, 1990.



Emil Rude, 98 years old – June 11, 1993.



Inga (Johnson) Haugland's 91st birthday. Kate Johnson at right.



Back Row: Mark Ferguson, 76; Arnold Steen, 76; Samuel Nomeland, 76. Seated: "Dad" Carter, 85; Mrs. Rorem, 93rd birthday; Edward Kallal, 77. (Edmonton Journal – May 4, 1955.)



Grandma Barbro Finseth, 90 years old – September 18, 1945.



Anne Anderson, 90 years old.



Robert Berrecloth, 90th birthday – March 25, 1993.



Mary Simonson, 1972 – 86th birthday.



Mr. William R. Simonson.



Alice Finseth, 89 years – April 22, 1990. Back: Randy Rook, Cheryl Finseth. Front: Emil Rude, Anne Anderson, Alice Finseth. Taken at the Long Term Care facility of the Tofield Health Centre.



Alma Foshaug's 85th birthday – December 27, 1972.



Myrtle Bjornson's 85th birthday, 1990.



Olaf Anderson, 80th birthday – February 21, 1976.



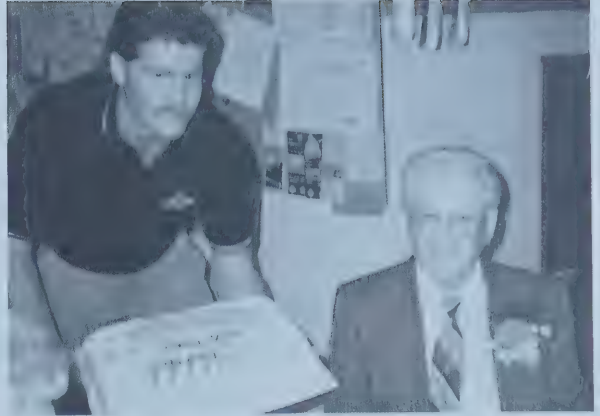
Peter Bjornson's 85th birthday 1989



Borghild Rude, 80 years old, 1986.



Irene (Rude) Strand, 80th birthday - November 6, 1991.



Ivan Foshaug, 80 years old, 1992. Grandson, Christopher Krogen.



Bill Simonson and grandson, Ian, on Bill's 80th birthday - March 24, 1992.

Community Spirit



Combining at Terry and Lois Haugen's - September 24, 1990.



Foundation being laid for Chris Rude's new chicken coop in May, 1942. Olaf Anderson, Clarence Rude, Chris Rude, Emil Rude with Dennis and Dale Bjornson, Peter Bjornson (carpenter).



Feeding harvesters at Nels Falkeid's.



Neighbors lending a helping hand at Kindley's - May 15, 1958.



Helping Neighbors at Kindley's, 1958.

Farmsites



Johannes and Ingrid Johnson home in Bardo (present Hart farm).



Original site of homestead of Mattis and Inga Ness, 1930.



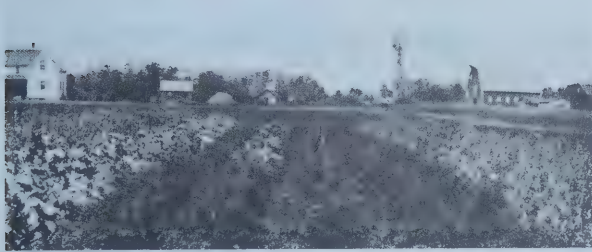
The old P.B. Anderson home.



T.A. Rorem farm.



The Lars Johnson farm in Bardo.



C.J. Rude farm, 1943.



Arnold Steen homestead. Owned by Glenn and Iris Francis.



The Paulson Place, 1953, when Baerg's purchased the land.



The William Simonson homestead, built on NE 34-49-19-W4, by Ludvig Pederson of Round Hill. Taken in 1993. Twins, Bill and Wilfred Simonson were born here on March 24, 1912. Herman Swanson, Bill and Harold Simonson in picture.



George Roth farm, formerly Valentine Roth farm.



Vacation Bible School at the Edwin Johnson log house in Bardo (SW 20-49-18). Anne Anderson was the teacher.



Thomson farm, 1915. Original two-story log home in the background. Frame house finished, 1907. Mrs. Thomson, Mabel and Elsie at left. Mr. Thomson in the middle of yard at back. John, Mary and Dolina with horses.

Generations



Four Generations. Anita (Kindley) Lawes, Earl Kindley, Kristin Lawes, Nita Kindley.



Selmer Johnson and first great-grandchild, Kandyce.



Four Generations – Mrs. Stalter, Grandma Stauffer, Barbara Wideman holding Velda.



Three generations, January 1, 1987. Back: LeRoy, Barbara, Keith. Seated: Alice Finseth, Nathan Finseth, Matthew, Travis and Cathy Andrews.



Four generations of skiers at the "Super Coop". Twins, Trelaine and Lauren Francis, David Francis, Iris (Bjornson) Francis, Peter Bjornson.



Four Generations, 1980. Phillip Anderson, Faye (Anderson) Pedersen, Mandy Pedersen, Anne Anderson.



Four generations, 1990. Seated: Myrtle (Rude) Bjornson. Iris Francis, Carol Ann and Jenny Adair.



Three Generations, 1942. Claude Nash, son Danford, grandson John Nash.

Group Pictures



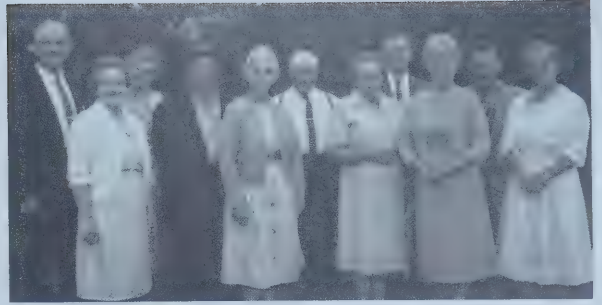
Back Row: John Scotvald, Tom Rorem, Adella Rorem, Alma Honning, P.B. Anderson, Olaf Anderson, Clarence Rude, Emil Rude, Bennie Anderson, Palmer Anderson, Lymen Rorem, Chester Ronning.



Rude Reunion, 1977. Celebrating 75 years and five generations of the C.J. Rude family in Alberta, at Lars Rude's farm.



Edwin and Trina Johnson's wedding, 1903. Back Row: Petra and Henry Simonson, Hilmar Johnson. Front Row: Marit and Ingrid Haugen, Marie and Jennie Lerbekmo, Alma and Amanda Johnson, Trina and Edwin Johnson, John and Pete Johnson.



Rude In-laws. Hal and Irene Strand, Borghild (Foshaug) and Clarence Rude, Alice Finseth, Emil and Hildur (Eggen) Rude, Peter and Myrtle Bjornson, Olaf and Nora Anderson.



Back Row: Harold Johnson, Albin Anderson, C.J. Rude, Emil Rude, Clarence Rude. Front Row: Alice, Nora, Myrtle, Irene and Bertha Marie Rude.

Maps and Quarter Sections

For the purpose of the Bardo Centennial History we have chosen a rectangular area 4 miles wide and 8 miles long, with the Anderson School as the center.

If we have missed anyone or placed a name on the wrong quarter section, we apologize.

The Homestead Act of 1871 opened the west for settlement and surveying was begun. The Alberta - Saskatchewan border became the "Fourth Meridian". Townships are six miles square, and divided into thirty-six sections - each being one mile square. A section contains 640 acres and was generally divided into quarters for homesteads or for sale.

Sections were numbered one to thirty-six and quarters in a section were identified as north-east, north-west, south-east, and south-west. Road allowances were originally sixty-six feet apart with intersections being two miles apart running north and south, and one mile apart east and west.

The Range roads in Alberta run north and south starting at the Saskatchewan border on the east and the USA border on the south. They run six miles apart bordering the Townships. Township 0 - Range 0 - West of the 4th Meridian is the south-east corner of the province.

All even numbered sections in Alberta, except eight and twenty-eight (which were Hudson Bay land), were Homestead land. Odd numbered sections, except eleven and twenty-nine, were given to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company by the government as a bonus in the financing of the railway. Eleven and twenty-nine were designated as school sections.

Iron stakes were numbered and placed by the government surveyors to mark the corners of the sections and the quarter sections.

The land in this area was surveyed in 1893. This allowed settlers to claim homesteads.

**Grand Forks School Corner to
Anderson School Corner -
East of Secondary Highway #834**
**Legend: H = Homestead, O = Owner,
R = Renter**

R.B. = Rent Buildings, ? = Not Sure

Section 18 - Township 49 - Range 18 - West 4

SW 1/4		SE 1/4	
C.J. Rude	- H	Martin Eide	- H
SW Corner - First Grand		Claude & Alma Nash	
Forks School Site		Reuben Eide	- O
Monrad Finseth	- R	Angus & Eileen Mitchel	- ?
Emil Rude	- R	Lars Rude	- O
Olaf Anderson	- R		
Irene (Rude) Strand	- O		
Charles Rude	- R		
W.G. & I. Francis	- O		
D. & S. Francis (Acreage)			
NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
J.H. Boness	- H	Olaf Boness	- H
Ezra Yoder	- O	Simon Stalter	- O
Harley Lehman	- O	Menno Wideman	- R
		Norman Weber	- O
		Marvin Weber	- O
		(Ken Thiessen, Ejvind Poulson)	

Section 19 - Township 49 - Range 18 - West 4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company and later sold

SE 1/2		NE 1/4	
E. Wilkins	- O	Johaness Johnson	- O
W. Ansell	- O	Adolph Howe	- R
O.C. Blackburn	- O	Julius Jacobson	- R
Will Stauffer	- O	John Ness	- O
Merlin Stauffer	- R	Mikal Erickson	- R
Lars Rude	- O	Ingolf Brekkan	- R
		Art Gunderson	- O
NW 1/4		L. & V. Hart	
Ole Steen	- O	Verna Hart	- O
C.M. Rude	- O	Jim Hart	- O
Merlin Rude	- O		

Section 30 - Township 49 - Range 18- West 4

SW 1/4		SE 1/4	
H.J. Boness	- H	John Lerbekmo	- H
Andrew Johnson	- O	John Yoder	- R
Frank Hills	- O	Bob Berrecloth	- R
Clarence Rude	- O	Clifford Anderson	- O

Albert Haukedal	- O	C.M. Rude	- O
Peter Lerbekmo	- O	Merlin Rude	- O
Bob Berrecloth			
Preben Berg	- R		
N. - 80 -			
Benny Anderson	- O		
Phillip Anderson	- O		
K. & W. Stauffer	- R		
S. - 80 -			
C.M. Rude	- O		
Merlin Rude	- O		
NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
Bersvend Anderson	- H	Peder B. Anderson	- H
P.B. Anderson	- O	Benny Anderson	- O
Aasmo - Westby		Phillip Anderson	- O
Salgaard Hansen		K. & W. Stauffer	- R
Ovedia Brekkan & Ingolf			
Juliet Johanson (Shupac)			
Palmer, Adelia & family			
Benny Anderson	- O		
Phillip Anderson	- O		
K. & W. Stauffer	- R		
Doug & Judy Finseth	- R.B.		
Jeff Kozmaniuk			
& fam.	- R.B.		

Section 31 - Township 49 - Range 18 - West 4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

S 1/2		N 1/2	
Peder B. Anderson	- O	Nels Gullekson	- O
H.N. Ronning	- O	John Paulson	- O
J.R. Stauffer	- O	H.N. Ronning	- O
Peter Lerbekmo		J.R. Stauffer	- O
W 1/2		E 1/2	
Joe E. Stauffer	- O	J.R. Stauffer	- O
Leonard Stauffer	- O	Ezra Stauffer	- O
		John Wideman	- O
SW 1/4		Joseph Wideman	- O
L. & E. Stauffer	- O	(John Neggers & family)	
Evelyne Stauffer	- O		
K. & W. Stauffer	- R		
NW 1/4			
Warren Stauffer	- O		

One Mile East of Grand Forks School and going North

Section 7 - Township 49 - Range 18 - West 4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
J.L. Stauffer	- O	J.L. Stauffer	- O
Katie Bender & family		Jake King	- R
Milo & Dave Stutzman	- O	Milo & Dave Stutzman	- O
Joe Lehman	- R	Joe Lehman	- R
David Stutzman	- O	David Stutzman	- O
Roger Stutzman	- O	Roger Stutzman	- O
Larry Yoder	- R	Larry Yoder	- R

Section 17 - Township 49 - Range 18- W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SW 1/4		E 1/2	
Louis B. Wedin	- O	Gust Carlson	- O
Gust Carlson	- O	W. Crafts, R. Lee &	
James B. Brown	- O	C. Gallinger - Real Estate	
Simon Stalter	- O	J.R. Stauffer	- O

Willard Burkholder	- O	Mrs. Lydia Roth	- O
Afton Olson	- R	Rueben Roth	- R
Bernard Stauffer	- O	Joseph Roth	- O
Phillip Martin	- R.B.		
Glen Martin	- R.B.	NE 1/4	
Carl Martin	- R.B.	Joseph and Fern Roth	- O
Ron Wattam	- R.B.	Fern Roth	- O
NW 1/4		SE 1/4	
Louis B. Wedin	- O	Richard Roth	- O
Gust Carlson	- O	The Mennonite Church is	
James B. Brown	- O	located in the NE Corner	
Simon Stalter	- O	of the NE 1/4.	
N. - 80 -			
Norman Weber	- O		
S. - 80 -			
Willard Burkholder	- O		
Bernard Stauffer	- O		

Section 20 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4		SE 1/4	
Edwin Johnson	- H	Gust Carlson	- H
Mikkel Berg	- O	Benjamin Stauffer	- O
Benjamin Stauffer	- O	William Stauffer	- R
J.C. Stauffer	- O	Lydia Stauffer	- O
Lloyd Hart	- O	Lloyd Hart	- O
Verna Hart	- O	Verna Hart	- O
James Hart	- O	James Hart	- O
NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
Peter Johnson	- H	Halvor Eggen	- H
Julius Jacobson	- R	Mrs. Eggen	- O
Lance Umphrey	- R	Peter Eggen	- R
John Ness	- O	Ingolf &	
		Mrs. O. Brekkan	- R
Mikal Erickson	- R	Eldon Moen	- R
Art Gunderson	- O	Emil Rude	- R
Lloyd Hart	- O	Ed Hendrickson	- O
Verna Hart	- O	Alvin Lehman	- O
James Hart	- O	Lars Rude	- R
		Sanford Martin	- O
		Philip Martin	- R
		James Hart	- O

Section 29 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4 School Section

SW 1/4		SE 1/4	
Stuart Hart	- O	School land	
Kobec	- O	Joseph Burkholder	- R
Benny Anderson	- O	Roy Reist	- R
Phillip Anderson	- O		
K. & W. Stauffer	- R		
NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
Stuart Hart	- O	Moses Burkholder	- O
Kobec	- O	Abe Weber	- R
Benny Anderson	- O	Joseph Burkholder	- O
Olaf Anderson	- O	Roy & Grace Reist	- O
Phillip Anderson	- O		
K. & W. Stauffer	- R		

Section 32 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4		SE 1/4	
A.A. Jevning	- H	A. Christenson	- H
Olaf J. Anderson	- O	Lydia (Stauffer) Roth	- O
Ingolf Brekkan	- O	Mattie and Martha Roth	- O
Derril Boettger	- O	George Roth	- O
Dane Rude (Acreage)		Roy Reist	- O

NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
Johannes Foshaug	- H	Nels Langerud	- H
Valentine Roth	- O	T. Blackburn	- ?
George Roth	- O	C. Sutter	- R
Joseph Wideman	- O	Valentine Roth	- O

Two Miles East of Grand Forks School Corner and going North

Section 8 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4 Hudson Bay Land

NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
Olan Felland	- O	J.R. Stauffer	- O
Nick Roth	- O	Jacob & Barbara (Stauffer)	
John Reil	- O	Brenneman	- O
Dave Lehman	- O	Titus Brenneman	- ?
William Lauber	- O	J. Burkholder	- R
		Mahlon Bender	- R
		John Maurer	- R
		Paul Burkholder	- R
		Sanford Martin	- O
		Philip Martin	- O
		Marvin Weber	- O
		Carl Martin (Acreage)	

Section 16 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4		NW 1/4	
Johan (John) Olson	- H	Johannes Johnson Sr.	- H
Ole Olson	- O	Simon Haakstad	- O
Dave Lehman	- O	Aaron King	- O
Mrs. Velma Lehman	- O	Nora Stauffer	- O
William Lauber	- R	Harry Stauffer	- R
		Verda Burkholder	- O
		Glenn Burkholder	- R

Section 21 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SW 1/4		NW 1/4	
Rolf Hjelter	- O	Rolf Hjelter (Minn.)	- O
		Jacob Mundherike	
		(N.D.)	- O
West 1/2		Oliver Berg	- O
Halvor Eggen	- O	Helga Berg	- O
Mrs. Eggen	- O	Claude Gallinger, W.I.	
Peter Eggen	- R	Crafts, L. Bund (Real Estate)	
Ingolf & Mrs. O. Brekkan	- R	1926 - 1946	
Eldon Moen	- R	Dan Schwartzendruber	- O
Emil Rude	- R	Lloyd Yoder	- R
Ed Hendrickson	- O	Roy Reist	- R
Alvin Lehman	- O	Elmer Burkholder	- O
Lars Rude	- R	Verda Burkholder	- O
Sanford Martin	- O	Glenn Burkholder	- O
Philip Martin	- R		
James Hart	- O		
East 1/2			
Oliver Berg	- O		
Helga Berg	- O		
Dan Schwarzendruber	- O		
Elmer Burkholder	- O		
Verda Burkholder	- O		
Glenn Burkholder	- O		

Section 28 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4		NW 1/4	
Johan Arndt Johnson	- H	J.B. Anderson	- H
Joseph Voegtlin Sr.	- O	Moses Burkholder	- O
Ruth (Voegtlin) Yoder	- O	Joseph Burkholder	- O
		Roy & Grace Reist	- O

Section 33 - Township 49 - Range 18 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

S 1/2		N 1/2	
Joseph Trca	- O	Joseph Trca	- O
Joe & Fanny		Dave & Lucinda Yoder	- O
Voegtlin Sr.	- O	John & Edna Wideman	- R
Joseph & Florence		Marvin & Edith	
Voegtlin Jr.	- O	Boettger	O

Grand Forks School Corner to Anderson School Corner West of 834

Section 13 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Henry Grundy	- O	Henry Grundy	- O
Ed Thompson	- O	Ed Thompson	- O
Chris Pederson	- O	Chris Pederson	- O
John Matson	- O	John Matson	- O
Andy & Bernice Heiberg	- O	Rudolf Undin	- O
Bernice Heiberg	- O		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Henry Grundy	- O	Nels Erickson Helgeland	- O
Ed Thompson	- O	M.B. Ness	- O
M.B. Ness	- O	A. & B. Heiberg	- O
Lester Severson	- O	Bernice Heiberg	- O
Harley Lehman	- O		

Section 24 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
M.B. Ness	- H	Arnold Steen	- H
Ingvald Ness	- R	Sundlie Family	
Lester Severson	- O	Alvin Steen	
Don Litwin	- O	Ingvald Ness	- O
Philip Martin	- O	Arnold Steen	- O
		Allen Anderson	- O
		G. & I. Francis	- O
SW 1/4		NW 1/4	
J. Fossum	- H	Ole Bakken	- H
Arnold Steen	- O	(Had a store on this land)	
Ingvald Ness	- O	Franklin Hills	- O
Lester Severson	- O	Earl Hills	
Don Litwin	- O	Goodman Swenson	- O
Philip Martin	- O	Arnold Steen	- O
		Lester Severson	- O
		Don Litwin	- O
		Bob & Lillian Berrecloth	
		Gene & Dorothy Carlisle	
		S. - 80 -	
		Philip Martin	- O
		N. - 80 -	
		Vic Wiens	- O
		Ken & Valerie Gerbrand	
		George & Helen Peters	

Section 25 – Township 49 – Range 19 – W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Ole Steen	- O	Ole Steen	- O
Frank Lewis	- O	Bill Parker	- O
Bob & Dora (Boness)			
Bruce	- R	Iver Moen	- R
Herman Lawson	- R	Arthur Moen	- R
Roy Roth	- R	Mahlon Bender	- O
Mahlon Bender	- O	Clifford Anderson	- O
Clifford Anderson	- O	Pastor H. Haugen & Family	- O
Henry Penner	- O	Leonard Stauffer	- O
Leonard Stauffer	- O	Clarence Rude	- R.B.
Ken Stauffer	- O	Ken Stauffer	- O
SW 1/4		NW 1/4	
D. Ward & Wm. Whyte	- O	Roy Parker	- O
(Had a store on this land)		Albert Haukedal	- O
George Schosh	- O	Lyle Heiberg	- O
Roy Parker	- O		
Lars Foshaug	- O		
Leif Foshaug	- O		
Larry Foshaug	- O		

Section 36 – Township 4 – Range 19 – W4

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Asbjorn Moen	- H	Martin Finseth	- H
Iver Moen	- R	(Store and Post Office)	
Lars & Borghild			
Rolfstad	- R	Monrad Finseth	- O
Art Moen	- R	LeRoy Finseth	- O
Iver Moen	- O	Douglas Finseth	- R
Olfrid Moen	- O		
Eldon Moen	- R		
Charles Rude	- O		
Barry Rude	- R		
Clarence & Darlene Vath			
(Acreage on the original site of the Bardo Lutheran Church)			
SW 1/4		NW 1/4	
Andreas Johnson	- H	Hans Jensen	- H
S. – 80 –			
Iver Moen	- O	Peter Erickson	- R
- Olfrid Moen	- O	Albert Haukedal	- O
- Eldon Moen	- R	Lyle Heiberg	- O
- Charles Rude	- O		
- Barry Rude	- R		
N. – 80			
- Hans Jensen	- O		
- P. Erickson	- R		
- A. Haukedal	- O		
- L. Heiberg	- O		

One Mile West of Grand Forks School Corner and Going North

Section 12 – Township 49 – Range 19 – W4

NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Lewis Qualley	- H	Ole Nelson	- H
Bill Bailey	- O	Levi Yoder	- O
Levi Yoder	- O	Jake Yoder	- R
Jake Yoder	- R	John Yoder	- R
John Yoder	- R	Geo. & Ralph Kauffman	- O
Geo. & Ralph Kauffman	- O	Loyal Kauffman	- R
Loyal Kauffman	- R	Eldon Boettger	- O

Eldon Boettger - O Derril Boettger - O
Derril Boettger - O
(The second site of the Grand Forks School is in the corner of the NE quarter where the present Mennonite Community Centre is located)

Section 14 – Township 49 – Range 19 – W4

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
E.B. Emigh	- H	Ole Bartness	- H
Moberly	- O	A.D. Baasch	- O
Angus Campbell	- R	Eystein Heiberg	- O
Eric Hoflin	- O	Andy Heiberg	- O
E. – 80			
-Alma Undin	- O	Lyle Heiberg	- O
- Rudolf Undin	- O		
W. – 80			
- Christine Matson	- O		
- A. & E. Heiberg	- O		
- A. & B. Heiberg	- O		
- Bernice Heiberg	- O		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Anton Bartness	- H	Lars Pederson	- H
Odd & Ragna Heiberg	- O	A.D. Baasch	- O
Andy & Ragna Heiberg	- O	Odd Heiberg	- O
Bernice Heiberg	- O	Eystein Heiberg	- O
		Andy Heiberg	- O
		Lyle Heiberg	- O

Section 23 – Township 49 – Range 19 – W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
J. Fossum	- O	David Burke	- O
Mrs. Eva Early	- O	R. Hodson	- O
Ole Bartness	- O	J. Ersson	- O
Ingvald Ness	- O	Caroline Jackson	- O
Lyle Heiberg	- O	Jackson Estate	
		A. & E. Heiberg	- O
		Andy Heiberg	- O
		Gordon Heiberg	- O
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Edward Mills	- O	R.A. Hobson	- O
Jacob Ersson	- O	Jacob Ersson	- O
Miss Jackson	- O	Miss Jackson	- O
Lloyd Hart	- O	Jackson Estate	
Verna Hart	- O	S. – 80	
		- Lyle Heiberg	- O
Jim Hart	- O	N. – 80	
		- L. & V. Hart	- O
		- Verna Hart	- O
		- Jim Hart	- O

Section 26 – Township 49 – Range 19 – W4 Hudson Bay Land

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
W.I. Crafts, R. Lee		W.I. Crafts, R. Lee	
(Real Estate)		(Real Estate)	
W. Allan Jr.	- O	W. Allan Jr.	- O
Orville Curry	- O	O.C. Blackburn	- O
Elmer Schmidt	- O	William Boettger	- R
Homer Schmidt	- O	Lee Roth	- O
		Lyle Roth	- O
		Victor Roth	
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Iver Finseth	- H	W.I. Crafts, R. Lee	
Martin Finseth	- O	(Real Estate)	
Bennie Finseth	- O	Wm. Allan	- O

Leif Foshaug		O.C. Blackburn	- O
Andy Heiberg	- O	Lee Roth	
Gordon Heiberg	- O	Gordon Heiberg	- O

Section 35 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Iver Finseth	- O	Iver Finseth	- O
Martin Finseth	- O	Martin Finseth	- O
Alfrieda & Emil		Alfrieda & Emil	
Johnson	- O	Johnson	- O
Iver Moen	- O	Oscar Simonson	- O
Eldon Moen	- O	Alf Simonson	- O
Charles Rude	- O	Harold Sitler	- R.B.
Barry Rude	- R	Glenn Sitler	- O
Brian Rude (Bldg. Site)		Barry Rude	- O
Barry Rude (Bldg. Site)			
Phil Harms (Acreage)	- O		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Martin Finseth	- O	R.A. Lawrence	- O
Monrad Finseth	- O	R.S. Hodson	- O
LeRoy Finseth	- O	Alice Mills	- O
Keith Finseth	- R	Ingolf Moen	- O
		Sam Cinnamon	- O
		Selma Cinnamon	- O
		Tim Sitler	- O
		Lorraine Sitler	- O
		Dan Berg (Acreage)	- O
		Glen Martin (Acreage)	- O

Two Miles West of Grand Forks School and Going North

Section 11 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4 School Land

NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
George Undin	- O	Jake King	- O
Rudolf Undin	- O	Rudolf Undin	- O
Darrel Undin	- R	Darrel Undin	- R

Section 15 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Lars Pederson	- O	Lars Pederson	- O
Dave Yoder	- O	Dave Yoder	- O
Abe Wideman	- R	Abe Wideman	- R
Pete Wold	- R	Pete Wold	- R
Sigurd Sandboe	- R	Sigurd Sandboe	- R
A.D. Baasch	- O	A.D. Baasch	- O
Harley Schmidt	- O	Harley Schmidt	- O
		Donald Schmidt	- O

Section 22 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Eric Hoflin	- H	O. Jihle	- H
Arthur Hoflin	- O	Blackburn	- O
Raymond Ovelson	- O	Abraham Wideman	- R.B.
Frodi Paulson	- O	Alfred Currie	- R.B.
Harley Schmidt	- O	Harley Schmidt	- O

Section 27 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Matatall	- O	John B. Anderson	- O

Joseph Sutton	- O	B.B. Hvidding	- O
Olive Sutton	- O	Wm. Simonson	- O
Lars Rude	- R	Elmer Sitler	- O
Tim Sitler	- O	Harold Sitler	
Lorraine Sitler	- O	Glenn Sitler	- O
K. & W. Stauffer	- R	Garry Worthington	- R.B.
Victor Roth	- O		

Section 34 - Township 49 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Olaf Brocke	- H	W.R. Simonson	- H
Espen Hansen	- ?	Fred Sutton	- O
B.B. Hvidding	- R	Elmer Sitler	- O
W.R. Simonson	- O	Harold Sitler	- O
Elmer Sitler	- O	Gail and Ed Look	- O
Gail and Ed Look	- O	Garry Wiens	- R
Garry Wiens	- R		

Anderson School Corner to the Ingram School Corner East of 834

The Ingram School Corner is 4 miles north of the Anderson School

Section 6 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4		SE 1/4	
John Jevning	- H	Nels Jevning	- H
Nils Falkeid	- O	Ragna (Jevning) Steen	- O
Ed Hendrickson	- O	Otto Johanson	- R
Geo. Hendrickson	- O	Geo. Hendrickson	- O
Clifford Anderson	- R	Clifford Anderson	- R
Floyd Wideman	- O	Floyd Wideman	- O
Glenn Ceretzki	- O	Glenn Ceretzki	- O
The second location of the Anderson School is in the SW corner of the SW 1/4 (4 acres), presently the Bardo Community Centre.			
NW 1/4		NE 1/4	
Olaf Jevning		Peter Jevning	- H
Martin Hanson	- H	(Post Office)	
Ole Hagen	- O	John Jevning	- O
Martin Hagen	- O	Jacob Schwartzendruber	- O
Martin Hagen Estate		Milo Stutzman	- R
Leif Foshaug	- R	Loyal Kauffman	- O
Larry Foshaug	- O	Joseph S. Kauffman	- O
The Bardo Cemetery is located on 1 acre of land in the SW corner of the NW 1/4.			

Section 7 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SW 1/4		E 1/2	
Lars Johnson	- O	Amund Boyum	- O
Ole R. Olsen	- O	Jacob Ort	- O
Tom Rorem	- O	W. Crafts, R. Lee, C.	
Lloyd Good	- O	Gallinger (Real Estate)	
John Baergen	- O	Joseph E. Kauffman	- O
Joseph S. Kauffman	- O	Loyal Kauffman	- O
		Joseph S. Kauffman	- O
NW 1/4			
Ingebrigt Haugseth	- O		
A. Stronstad			
Ingvar Haugseth	- O		
Mikal Erickson	- R		
Jake King	- O		
Leonard King	- R		
Lloyd Good	- O		
Leonard Stauffer	- R.B.		
Harold Boettger	- R		

Vern Roth - R
 John Baergen - O
 Barry Mosby - O
 Paul Paulson - R.B.
 Jim Cross - R.B.
 Barry Strilchuk - O
 Joseph Kauffman - O

Section 18 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4	SE 1/4	
Wesley Ingram - H	N. - 80 -	
J.B. Anderson - O	Jacob Boness Sr. - H	
Arnold Johnson - O	S. - 80 -	
Larry Yoder - O	NWHB - Annie Kerr - H	
	Simon Nordhus - O	
	Raymond Nordhus - O	
	Mikal Erickson - O	
	Bjarne Erickson - O	
NW 1/4	NE 1/4	
Simon Nordhus - H	Martin Finseth - H	
Raymond Nordhus - O	Peter Finseth - O	
Axel Kindley - O	Tom Carlyle - O	
Mikal Erickson - O	Henry White - O	
Bjarne Erickson - O	Arthur Haugen - O	
	Terry & Lois Haugen	
	Lorne & Lynn Haugen	

Section 19 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

W 1/2	E 1/2	
Jacob Langbelle	Geo & Minnie	
NW 1/4 - O	McConnell - O	
Geo & Minnie	Axel Kindley - R	
McConnell - O	Jake Ewert - R	
Hans Krogen - R.B.	Clifford Appleby - O	
Axel Kindley - R	Sam Stauffer - O	
Olav Stokkan - R.B.	John Maurer - O	
Alvin Schultz	Clayton Maurer	
Jerry Wiens - R	NE 1/4 Walt Riediger - R	
Sam Stauffer - O	Myron Good - R	
John Maurer - O	SE 1/4 Walt Riediger - R	
NW 1/4 Dave Schmidt - R	Myron Good - R	
SW 1/4 Walt Riediger - R	Dave Schmidt - R	
Milo Stauffer - R		

One Mile East of Anderson School and Going North

Section 5 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

W 1/2	E 1/2	
Knut Gullekson - O	Jonas Knudson - O	
Tom Rorem - O	Henry Yoder - O	
Levi Yoder - O	Leslie Yoder - O	
Henry Yoder - O	Ervin Yoder - O	
Jake Yoder - O	Paul Yoder - O	
Ernie Yoder - R		
Jacob Riediger - O		
SW 1/4 J. Riediger - O		
NW 1/4 Walter Riediger - O		

Section 8 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4 Hudson Bay Company

SW 1/4	SE 1/4	
Emanuel Raymer - O	Andrew McNicol - O	

J.E. Kauffman - O	Joseph Hoyston - O
Ralph Kauffman - O	Emanuel Raymer - O
Joseph W. Kauffman - O	I.H. Olson - O
Douglas Kauffman - O	Ingmar Olson - O
Carl Hansen (Acreage) - O	Glenn Olson - O
Jerry Schmidt (Acreage) - R.B.	
Glen Martin (Acreage) - R.B.	
Reid Fisher (Acreage) - O	

NW 1/4	NE 1/4
John Strasden - O	Andrew McNicol - O
J.E. Kauffman - O	Joseph Hoyston - O
Joseph W. Kauffman - O	Emanuel Raymer - O
Douglas Kauffman - O	I.H. Olson - O
	Mrs. John Blackburn - O
	Ingmar Olson - R
	Glenn Olson - R
	John Berg - O
	Terry Haugen - O
	Joseph S. Kauffman - O

Section 17 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SW 1/4	SE 1/4
Geo. W. Buracker - O	Geo. Washington Buracker - O
Crafts, Lee & Gallinger	Crafts, Lee & Gallinger
Ananias Haugen - O	Ananias Haugen - O
Olaf Haugen - O	Arthur Haugen - O
Terry and Lois Haugen	
NW 1/4	NE 1/4
Buracker - O	Crafts, Lee & Gallinger
Ananias Haugen - O	Ananias Haugen - O
Olaf Haugen - O	W. - 80 -
	Olaf Haugen - O
	E - 80 -
	Arthur Haugen - O

Section 20 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4	SE 1/4
G.O. Billington - H	A.W. Story - H
Henry Haker - O	J. Ewert - O
Menno Wideman - O	John Wood - O
Clare Good - O	Abe Wiens - O
	Abe & Elizabeth Wiens - O
NW 1/4	NE 1/4
A.A. Story - H	A.J. Story - H
A.C. Sanborn - O	John Gray - O
Henry Haker - O	Esco Paulson - O
Menno Wideman - O	John Baerg - O
Clare Good - O	Abe & Elizabeth Wiens - O
Myron and Cheryl Good - O	Ed Wiens - O

SW Corner of SW 1/4 - Acreage

L. Dawson - O
G. DeJardin - O
John Shaw - O
Joe Flemming - O
Morley Knudslie - O

Section 30 - Township 50 - Range 18 - W4

SW 1/4	SE 1/4
Mrs. Martha Ingram - H	N.W. Hudson's Bay Co. - H
Geo. Kvam (Quam) - O	Annie Kerr - H
G.A. Trent - O	Henry White - O

Art & Munroe Trent	- R	Riedlinger	
Roloff	- O	Veterans Land Act	
David Heidebrecht	- O	Peter Neufeld	- O
Berild	- R	Norman Torpe	- O
Mr. Walter Stawnichy	- O	Phil Weis	- O
Joe Whitbread	- O	LeRoy Bjorgum	- O
John Baerg	- O	Land divided into acreages	
Jolane Farms - (J. & E. Kauffman)	- O	Graham Wideman W acreage	- O
		Richard Wright	- O
		Dennis Badry E acreage	- O
		A. & B. Davis	- O
		John Sirois NE acreage	- O
		W. & J. Fairweather	- O
		David Schmidt	- R

North of Anderson School - West of 834

Section 1 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
John B. Anderson	- O	Tom Rorem	- O
Anton Nelson		Emil Rude	- R
Geo. Hendrickson	- O	Harry Mosby	- O
Ole Hanson		Barry Mosby	- R
Clifford Anderson	- R		
Abe Weber			
Poznekof			
Ivan Foshaug	- O		
Barry Mosby	- R		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
John Anderson	- O	Otto Johanson	- O
Tom Rorem	- O	A. Haukedal	- O
A. Jardin		John Wall Sr.	- O
Emil Rude	- R	John Wall Jr.	- O
Harry Mosby	- O	Garry Wiens	- O
Barry Mosby	- O		

Section 12 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Lars Johnson	- H	Johan Arndt Johnson	- H
Roy Lewis	- R	(Gave up this homestead)	
Martin Hanson	- O	Lars Foshaug	- H
Ole Hagen	- O	Alma Foshaug	- O
Martin Hagen	- O	Leif Foshaug	- O
Martin Hagen Estate		Robert Foshaug	- O
Leif Foshaug	- R	Larry Foshaug	- R
Larry Foshaug	- O		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Ingebrigt Haugseth	- H	Halvor Haugen	- H
Ingvar Haugseth	- O	Forbes	- ?
Mikal Erickson	- R	Myers	- R
S. - 80			
- I. Haugseth	- H	Iver Moen	- R
- Jake King	- O	Alvin Lehman	- R
- Leonard King	- R	Axel Kindley	- O
- Lloyd Good	- O	Harold Kindley	- R
- Harold Boettger	- R	Janzen	- O
- Vernon Roth	- R	N. - 80 - Janzen	- O
- John Baergen	- R	S. - 80 - Ken Neufeld	- O
- J.S. Kauffman	- O		
N. - 80			
- H. Haugen	- O		
- Forbes	- O		
- Myers	- R		
- Iver Moen	- R		
- Alvin Lehman	- R		

- Axel Kindley	- O
- Harold Kindley	- R
- Janzen	- O

Section 13 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		W 1/2	
Geo. A. Toole	- O	Anton Larson	- O
Geo. Schoel	- O	Mikal Erickson	- R
Lars Foshaug	- O	Lawrence Rude	- R
Merlin Foshaug	- O	Bjarne Erickson	- O
Ivan Foshaug	- O		
Barry Mosby	- R		
NE 1/4			
Geo. A. Toole	- O		
Geo. Schoel	- O		
Pat Gladue	- O		
Mrs. Clark	- O		
Pincott Real Estate			
Ivan and Leif Foshaug	- R		
Olav Stokkan	- O		
Lawrence Rude	- R		
Barry Rude	- R		

Section 24 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Thomas Cookson	- H	Peter Ingram	- H
Peter Ingram	- O	Joe Herschberger	- O
Joe Herschberger	- O	Roy Zook	- R
Roy Zook	- R	Robert Rose	- O
Robert Rose	- O	John Schmidt	- O
John Schmidt	- O	David Schmidt	- O
David Schmidt	- O		
Gordon Schmidt	- O		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
William Thomson	- H	Robert Whillans	- H
John Thomson	- O	Claude Gallinger Sr.	- O
Gordon Schmidt	- O	Claude Jr. & Michael Gallinger	- O
		Luscar Limited	- O
		Claude & Michael Gallinger	- R

Section 25 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Alex A. McIntyre	- O	Thomas Archer	- O
M. Leitch & A. Stuart	- O	John Thomson	- R
Dr. Bain	- O	Silas Pearson	- R
K. Gaston & M. & J. Bain	- O	Claude Jr. & Michael Gallinger	- O
Wallace Herndon	- R		
Carl Johnsrud	- R	Luscar Limited	- O
Harry Mosby	- R	Claude & Michael Gallinger	- R
Barry Mosby	- R		
Ken Boettger	- O		

One Mile West of Anderson School and Going North

Section 2 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
T. G. Chinneck	- H	S. Haaksvold	- H
Lastien	- R	C. Whillans	- O
Easton	- R	Fitzner	- O

Albert Sutton	- R	John Wall Sr.	- O
Lars Foshaug	- O	David Wall	- O
Ivan Foshaug	- O	Lyle Voegtlin	- O
Balzer	- R.B.		
Garry Wiens	- O		
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Charlie Ingram	- H	Charlie Whillans	- H
Gunvald Nerland	- O	Fitzner	- O
Albert Haukedal	- O	John Wall Sr.	- O
John Wall Jr.	- O	Balzer	- R.B.
J. S. Kauffman	- O	Leif Foshaug	- R.B.
R. Letkeman (Acreage)		John Wall Jr.	- O
		Ignace Rosen	- O
		Keith & Elaine Finseth	- R
		Garry Creamer	- O

George Cookson	- O	H. Kleinschroth	- R
Peter Dueck	- O	Peter Dueck	- O
Wilmer Dueck	- O	Alvin Dueck	- O
Dueck Farms	- O	Luscar Limited	- O
Luscar Limited	- O	Dueck Farms	- R
Dueck Farms	- R	Alvin Dueck	- R.B.
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
Robert Whillans	- O	Allan Black	- O
George Cookson	- O	Lee Brothers	- O
Art & Jack Lampitt	- R	Claude Gallinger Sr.	- O
Herb McAdoo	- R	Claude & Michael	
Peter Dueck	- O	Gallinger	- O
Ernie Dueck	- O		
Luscar Limited	- O		
Dueck Farms	- R		

Section 11 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4 School Section

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Halvor Haugen	- O	School Land	
Lars Foshaug	- O	Lornie Lee	- R
George Foshaug	- O	Martin Lawson	- O
Wesley Lawson	- O	E. J. Lawson	- O
		Wesley & Dennis Lawson	- R
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
George Lawson	- O	George Lawson	- O
Martin Lawson	- O	Martin Lawson	- O
E. J. Lawson	- O	E. J. Lawson	- O
W. & D. Lawson	- R	W. & D. Lawson	- R

Section 14 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Johannes Johnson	- H	Chester G. Chinneck	- H
Martha Ingram	- O	Lornie Lee	- O
Herman Lawson	- R	John Janzen	- O
Otto Johanson	- R		
Herman Schramm	- ?		
Gilbert Vic	- R		
Mike & Steve Zajac	- O		
Samuel Magilton	- R		
Peter Korobko	- O		
Don Korobko			
NE 1/4		NW 1/4	
P. F. Ingram	- H	Hugh Mitchell	- H
C. Gallinger	- O	John (Jack) Lee	- O
Preben Berg	- R	Sam Cinnamon	- O
James Dunki	- O	Selma Cinnamon	- O
Mrs. Dunki	- O	David Schmidt	- O

Section 23 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4 Land Granted to the C.P.R. Company

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
Peter Ingram	- O	Hugh Mitchell	- O
A. McIntyre	- O	T. McDevitt Coal Mine	

Section 26 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4 Hudson Bay Land

SE 1/4		SW 1/4	
John W. Morton	- O	Sophia (Mrs. Edward	
W.I. Crafts, R. Lee,		Hammond)	- O
J.R. Black		W.I. Crafts, R. Lee,	
C. Gallinger, Real Estate		J. R. Black	
C. Gallinger Sr.	- O	C. Gallinger, Real Estate	
C. Jr. & Michael		C. Gallinger Sr.	- O
Gallinger	- O	Claude Jr. & Michael	
Luscar Limited	- O	Gallinger	- O
Claude & Michael		Luscar Limited	- O
Gallinger	- R	Claude & Michael	
		Gallinger	- R

Two Miles West of Anderson School Going North

Section 3 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
Henry Sutton	- O	Henry Sutton	- O
Fred Sutton	- O	Albert Sutton	- O
Harold Sutton	- O	Myrtle Sutton	- O
Brian Sutton	- O	Randy Sutton	- R

Section 10 - Township 50 - Range 19 - W4

SE 1/4		NE 1/4	
D. F. Black	- H	R. G. Mitchell	- H
Bardo Siding and			
Grain Elevator			
East of C.N.R.			
- Howard Lee	- O		
- R.C. Fry	- O		
West of C.N.R.			
- Alfred Schultz	- O		
- Harold Schultz	- O		
- Brian Schultz	- O		

Maps

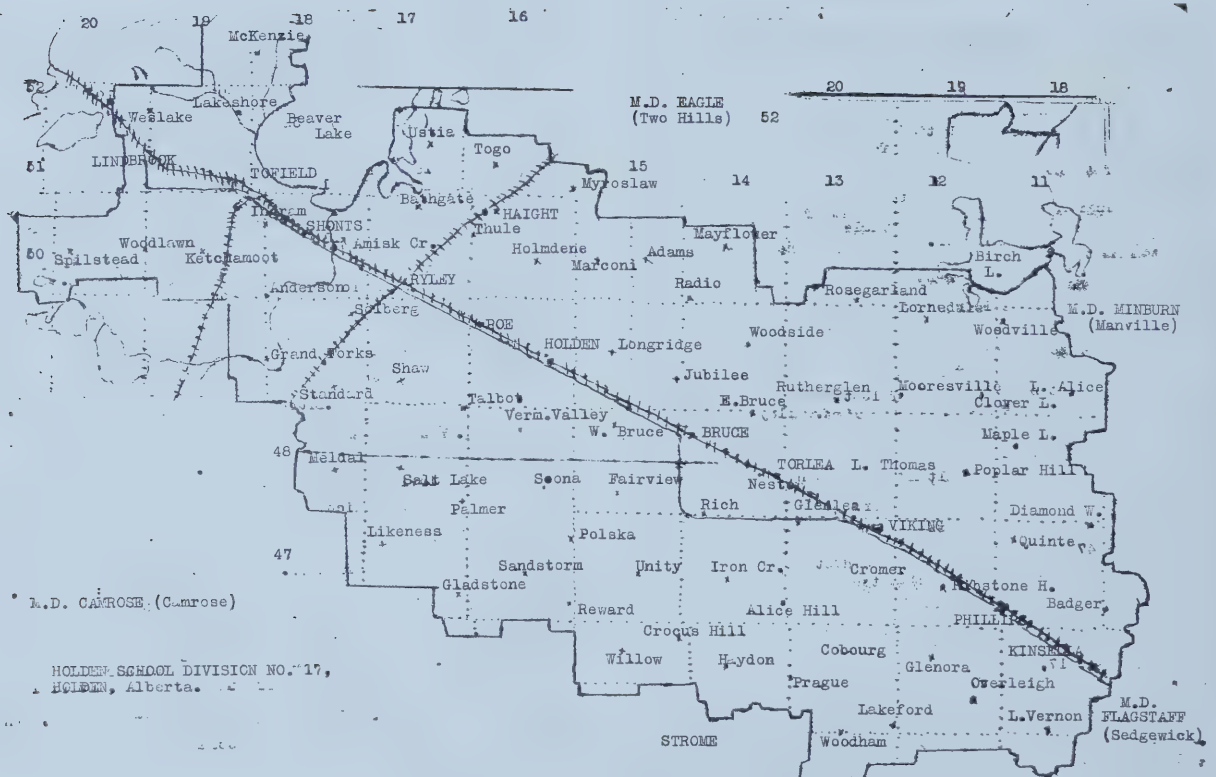


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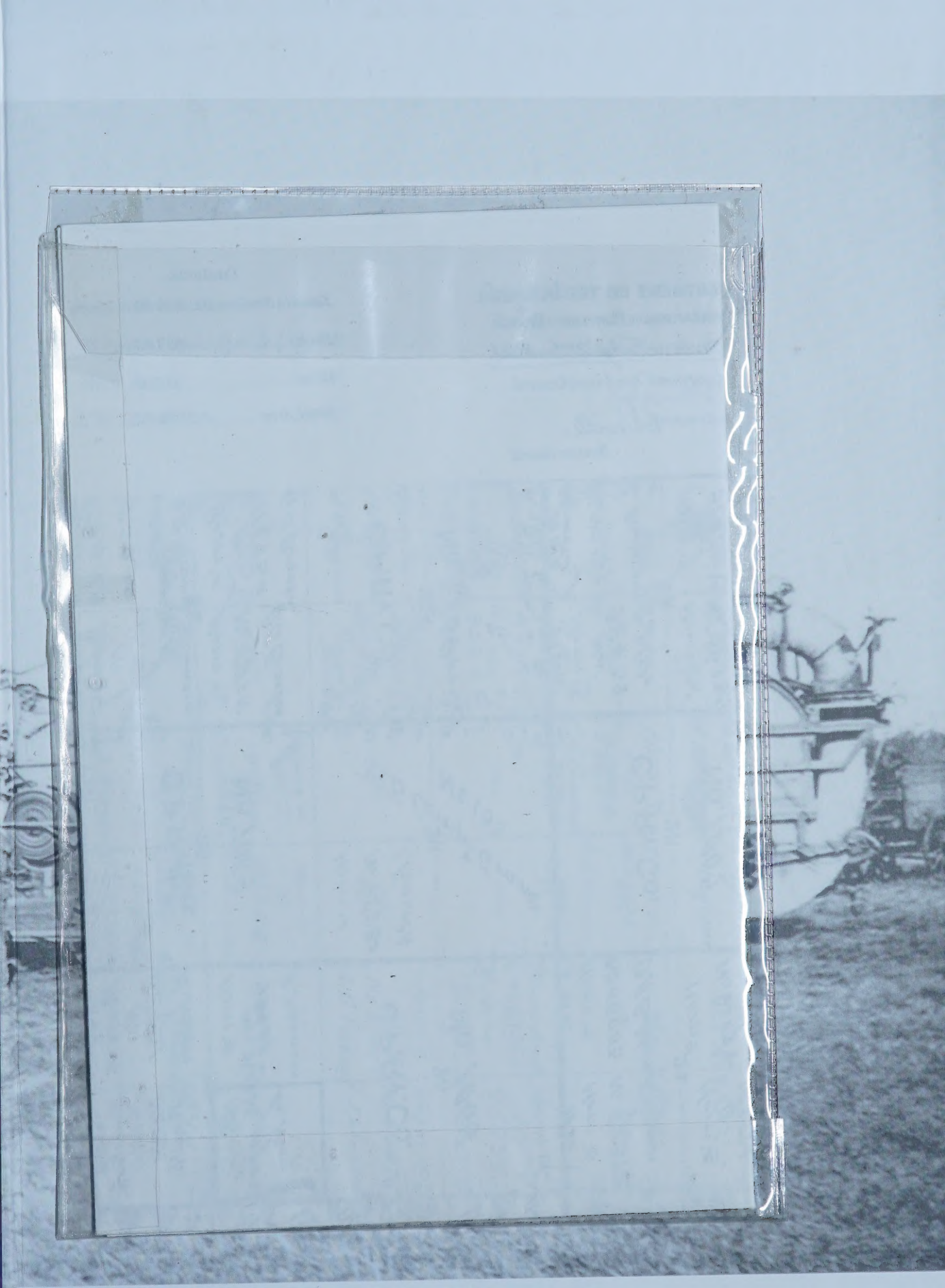
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